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Sept.-Oct. 2018



James S.

Presidents Message!

We just finished the Ray Evridge - George Knox Memorial Boot Camp. Over 130 people with lots of mentors & volunteers from multiple clubs. Bob, Karen & Karen with AES catered to all our food needs. Falconry presentation by Jerry O. Thank you to all the mentors & volunteers. Remember this event would not be a success without you. Hard to believe we had Bobcat/Badger/Fox/Coyotes and even a Bear called in during camp. That weekend will provide years of memories. Let's go hunting boys & girls. Remember Sept 8-9 is the Novice Hunt. Let's help the new members learn how it's done. Check the rules. Stop by and introduce yourself to our new Hunt Chairman Ron H. Become a mentor, it's as simple as taking someone out hunting. In one year, we could double our numbers if everyone took out 1 new hunter. Happy Hunting and enjoy the outdoors!

THINGS TO KNOW:

****What happen to my Newsletter?** The **PVCI** Officers & Board of Directors decided Jan. 2018 to have this Newsletter be sent out by e-mail only thus eliminating the hard copy. Membership Chairwoman Ruth is going to need everyone's e-mail info. at pvcigroup@yahoo.com Have you paid your Annual Dues?

***OOPS I made a BOO BOO! In the July-Aug 2018 Newsletter I made 2 or 3 mistakes. I'd like to correct them in order: #1) Lew E. was only 92 years old on July 3rd and not 93. #2) The Top Best of Seven member for the 2017-2018 Season was Ken E. and not Wayne W. as listed. #3) The Club's Total Harvest was: 229 Coyotes, 31 Foxes 13 Bobcats, 3 Badgers & 1 Bear. See update Top Awards page inside.**

***** Predator Callers you are invited/encouraged to attend: The Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) are having their Annual Rendezvous on Sept. 22.** The location will be on Hwy. 260 on FS 149 near the Hwy. 260 and Hwy. 87 split. The 1st seminar begins at 8: A.M. This is a good group of folks with the experienced ones knowing how to get critters & wanting to pass the knowledge around to others. Always Good Seminars on various Outdoor subjects like foot-hold & cage trapping, predator calling, fur-handling, trail cameras, etc. As this is the Main Fund Raiser for the SWFH do consider donating something to them to help keep them going. Coffee & doughnuts provided in the morning, lunch in the afternoon & an evening meal. Hope to see you there! The Trappers Course will be given on Sunday. More info inside.

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PVCI Trail Clearing 2018!



2018 PVCI Predator Hunter Boot Camp



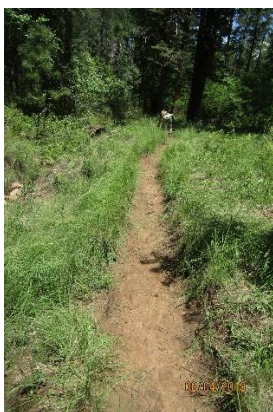
Victor II's Boot Camp Success!



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PVCI 2018 TRAIL CLEARING REPORT by Eddie M.

August 11th was another fine day in PVCI History as many PVCI Members and families came together to work on one of our Club Events called the Annual PVCI Trail Clearing. What is this you ask? Well since the 1960's this PVCI Club has maintained the See Canyon Trail (Trail#184). This is a Hunter/Survival Trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte all the way down to the Christopher Creek Trailhead and gets you off the Rim in only 4 miles instead of going all the many, many miles around. The trail-clearing maintenance includes making the Trail look like a trail again including clearing the pine cones & grass on the bottom, moving big rocks and fallen logs, making a bridge over wet spots, etc. We are thanked every year by those using the Trail for what we do. The work is usually done in several hours of one day however many that come stay the whole weekend and take advantage of the cooler weather plus the camaraderie of being a Club Member & doing Club activities together! We usually start the day with a Good Breakfast, go take pictures by the sign, split up into upper & lower crews, do the work, have a wonderful Potluck Dinner that night & have another Good Breakfast the next morning. In between working together, preparing food and eating together, the hunting/campfire stories, the campfire, the Trivia, we all have a really good time just getting to know each other. These Club Events & activities are done for a reason, I can't even begin to tell you what you missed (the pictures only tell part of the story) if you were not here on this weekend, especially if you are new or have not been to a Club Event in a while. You really missed out! Many, THANKS to Event Organizer April B. & to Each & Every One of YOU that came. THANKS!



GETTING STARTED ON YOUR PREDATOR CALLING JOURNEY by Eddie M.

QUESTION: Okay I'm new to PPCI or I've been in the Club for a year and haven't called in anything yet despite several attempts. I've heard about this upcoming Novice Hunt & wonder exactly what it is and how I can participate?

ANSWER: The PPCI Novice Hunt is the traditional 1st Hunt of the Year for the Phoenix Varmint Callers. This year's hunt dates are Sept. 8-9, 2018. This Hunt typically teams up the Club's Mentors with Novices for a weekend of hands-on predator calling where you are shown just how they go about getting their predators. To keep things interesting, we make this Hunt competitive, your team against the other teams. We also have a Monthly Hunt each month afterwards during the fall-winter (Oct-March) where we let the teams have a friendly competition against each other. To participate in this Novice Hunt it would help to be present at this September Monthly Meeting held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. the Elks Lodge. This September Meeting is usually geared towards Novice Club Members, the Club going over various aspects & specifics of predator calling before going on the Hunt. Then towards the end of the Meeting, Novice Club Members will likely be paired with a Mentor to go hunting with. One **TIP** that I cannot stress enough is to see the Hunt Chairman and **JOIN THE PIN PROGRAM!** For a one-time fee of \$10 (if you stay current) this Pin Program will award you for certain accomplishments you make in your calling career like taking 5 coyotes, 10 foxes, 1 bobcat, 1 badger etc. plus it also makes you eligible for the Top Caller, Top Shooter, Top Novice & Best of 7 Awards. The Hunt Chairman also keeps a tally of ALL you have killed, if you turn it in to him. For a complete list of Pin Program Pins and a better explanation refer to the PPCI Handbook or look at the website www.ppci.org

SOME EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED: Some money! Usually only one vehicle is used and ALL pitch in for gas. It is best if this vehicle has 4-wheel drive and some ground clearance. **CLOTHING:** Some form of camouflage clothing including light gloves and a facemask are needed. Boots (not gym shoes) that cactus thorns won't go through. Later, when it gets winter cold, I like boots with at least 600 grams of insulation in them (mine have 1,000 grams) as my feet get cold even in the desert in anything less. Gym Shoes are a disaster waiting to happen. They are noisy, especially in gravelly rocks, do NOT keep your feet warm & a cactus or rattlesnake will easily go right through! **WEAPONS:** Shiny weapons show up like a mirror in the sunlight. To me a shiny weapon might be fine for small game yet has no place in the predator hunting outdoors. My Mentor Skip A. told me before my 1st Novice Hunt, "If you want to go hunting, paint your gun." I had No Problem doing it. I purchased a can of tan and green Bowflauge paint then painted the whole shotgun one color, waited a bit to let dry, then added some of the other color in some in some form of pattern. No more shiny shotgun.

*****There are No Hard & Set Rules when it comes to Predator Calling.** I say that to say this: Especially for those just starting out, I believe that you will miss fewer critters with a shotgun than with a scoped rifle. The action can often be so fast & furious that at times there just is no time to find a critter in the scope. If serious, those that are using a pistol or archery equipment for starting out that hope to build some numbers, Dream On! Your chances of consistent success are almost none. I don't care how good of a shot you are. Shooting at something that you are going after is one thing. Shooting at something that is coming after or towards you, often with the mind to eat you is quite another! You may get a shot or two off and usually that is where it ends. **AMMO:** For 12 ga. Shotguns have 2-3/4" or 3" #4 Buckshot or 3" Lead BB's. For 20 Ga. Shotguns use #3 Buckshot. For rifles ask your Mentor. A coyote can take a LOT of punishment, so the .22 long rifle is best left at home. The .22 Mag round would be the lightest you might successfully use on coyotes. **CALLS:** Please have more than one predator call on you. Two is okay but 3 or more is better. The closed reed (Circe, Dan Thompson, Sceery, Fox Pro, Primos, Orion) & bite-down calls (Sceery, Primos CatNip, Fox Pro, Johnny Stewart) are the easiest for many to master. The open-reed call is usually harder to use but very versatile many callers being able to make rodent, rabbit, fawn and bird distress plus coyote howls all from the same call. The Critter Calls in PeeWee and Standard, Tally-Ho's, Fox Pro's, Les Johnson & a whole host more. Many callers use lanyards to hold their calls around their neck. If you do so be careful of the calls bumping each other when you walk. Also, be careful of leaving your open-reed calls in the hot sun. Although lanyards have their place, I keep my calls in my pocket. **SLEEPING:** I usually sleep on the ground unless the weather is really wet or there are mosquitoes, then anymore I will lay my truck seat back and sleep there. Rarely do I use a tent when predator calling. To me tents are for staying an extended amount of time like on a big-game hunt. I usually walk away from the sleeping area to do the 1st stand of the morning and want to leave quickly for the 2nd stand. **FOOD & WATER:** Do bring your own water or at least talk it over with your mentor. I also bring a canteen on a canteen belt in case I must walk out of somewhere. Do have some snacks such as Frito's or other chips or trail mix, etc. as you will get hungry sometime during the day. I've done a tortilla, ham, cheese & some Romaine lettuce or raw cabbage for lunch. I always bring a one burner stove & a pot w/top to cook a hot meal on Saturday night. **OTHER:** Bring a good attitude & be willing to learn and blow that call when your turn. No one is born knowing how to blow a predator call, it takes practice and you will eventually sound good if you persist. This Club is NOT responsible for teaching you how to call or taking you on a hunt, YOU are. YOU are responsible for getting your calling journey going. The Club can help but YOU are responsible. Do what your Mentor tells you & ask questions. Also, be careful of where you point the muzzle of your firearm! Above all Be Safe and have a Good Time. That is what it really is all about. Good Luck on your Hunt & Calling Journey!

PVCI GEORGE KNOX/RAY EVRIDGE MEMORIAL PREDATOR CALLING BOOT CAMP REPORT – 2018

by Eddie M.

Another very successful PVCI Boot Camp is under our belts! What a rich, rich weekend of classroom learning in the woods, then actually getting to go out and practice and demonstrate all under someone's watchful eye! Also, what a crowd of eager youth and adults that came out AND what HELP we had from both our Club and the Other Clubs. Help in the kitchen, help in the seminars, help in the field! Oh, PVCI could have pulled the Event off on our own however I really don't believe that the satisfaction level would have anywhere near what it is sure to be. THANK YOU, THANK YOU! This Event was worth coming too. As usual the seminars were great, the food was great and the camaraderie awesome! Many of the different groups had action seeing critters & every group learned something. My group saw 3 or 4 coyotes and 2 foxes on Saturday. A shot was taken and missed at each fox. We returned to Camp a little late and saw that a coyote, fox and badger had been taken by the others. I was asked to and did skin the badger and worked on the fox. My guys, 1 dad with 2 youth & another adult were so excited that we left again on Sunday before breakfast. Dad, Victor shot a fox that was rapidly approaching his calling with a recently purchased .410 shotgun at 10 steps! Everyone got to observe, touch and carry this fox. The story was told over and over and I skinned it also upon returning to Camp which was about gone by then. If you are a member either new or not and do not come to these Events, you are missing out!



Bear Story - This is the bear that my sons called in at the Boot Camp. Ben W. was calling with Weston and Josh W. on the stand (Weston is the oldest and is telling the story)

We had just finished a full day at the PNCI George Knox Memorial Boot Camp hearing from multiple experienced hunters on tips and tricks to varmint hunting. The night before we had some thunderstorms roll in and the next day turned out to be a warm summer day with clear skies and a slight breeze in the pines. It had reached afternoon and time for the breakout hunt. My brothers and I grouped up into a team. The game and fish officer assigned us our area to hunt in. We hurried back to our camp and grabbed our gear and hit the road. It took quite a while to reach our assigned area, so we got into the truck to leave as soon as we could. We tried our first few stands using e-calls and hand calls but didn't have much luck. This is how our first 3 stands went. We hadn't seen or heard any sign of varmints at all. We were all getting pretty discouraged. After talking it over, we drove down the road a way and found a small clearing in the trees that looked perfect for calling. My brother Ben wanted to call this next stand. Since only two of us could hunt, Ben covered everything in front of us and I sat to his left facing the other direction covering our backdoor with my other brother sitting right next to me. After a good 5 minutes of hand calling, I look out to see a full-grown brown bear running straight towards us, coming from behind my brother who is calling. Now none of us have a bear tag and it is definitely not bear season. I wanted to scare the bear off without blowing the stand, so I began to bark at the bear. He just kept coming. He got less than 30 yards away and was still running. I never knew a bear could run so fast. So, I stood up and started yelling and waving my arms in the air. At this point my brother had stopped calling but hadn't seen the bear yet. "BEAR!!!" I yelled. The bear had stopped. Between us and the bear we had a stare down for what seemed like eternity. We weren't sure what the bear's next move was as he was still staring. Eventually the bear turned around and ran off. Excited about our recent encounter, we couldn't wait to return to camp to share our memorable experience.



AZ. PREDATOR EXPO formerly the ATA CONVENTION REPORT by Eddie M

This Arizona Trappers Assoc, Convention (ATA) now known as the Arizona Predator Expo has been one of my go-tos for a long, long time. It has always been held at the Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. except the last 2 years as the Fairgrounds were becoming increasingly harder to deal with thus a new location was in order. The last 2 years it's been held at the town of Mormon Lake over in their Campground Area. This Event is one of the Main Fundraisers for the ATA. The size has admittedly scaled back some and the name changed however the intent of this Expo, helping you get more predators under your belt per season and then helping you get the most money from what you have taken, remains the same. No there was no Miss Rodeo AZ. this year (bummer) to help raise the money however money was still raised, seminars were still given, things learned, some faces you only see once a year seen & we still had the friendly competitions. The men's musket throw, the ladies frying pan toss, the youth and adult pie-eating contest, fun, fun, fun! The number of callers and other hunters are important at Events like this and I Always try to get the word out. I am a predator caller not a trapper however we are both after predators, the seminars and vendors Mercer Lawing- cage traps, Wild Cats, Inc. Jimenez Game Calls, the other Predator Caller guys (name?) are geared towards helping you increase your predator take plus as trappers & callers we are all in this thing together. They have sure stood by our side in the past when the Anti's came after us with a vengeance & we helped them way back when Prop.200 came out trying to ban trapping. If the Anti's ever do stop trapping, guess who they will be coming after next.



MY BOOT CAMP REPORT by Eddie M.

I had 2 adults and 2 youth to take out predator calling. One adult was somewhat new PPCI member Randy (a past Boy Scout instructor) who showed at our PPCI Trail Clearing the weekend prior. The other 3 were new acquaintances, Dad Victor, his son Victor II and his friend Chris. All were new to predator calling although Randy had been out before on a hunt with Ken however he hadn't done any calling on that hunt. Victor said he had seen & talked to me before at the AZGFD Expo and remembered some of the pictures in some of my photo albums. Anyway, Randy had already asked could he go with me. I told him yes but that I also wanted another group preferably with a youth. I got a group with a dad & 2 youths. I set up a tent then emptied my truck and made room for 5 total in the truck. We had a little drive which explained why we were late getting back that evening. That plus we had some action!

On the 1st stand I called and nothing happened. We walked back to the truck and I just kept walking past the truck so that we could call the other side of the road. We had 2 shotguns and one .308 rifle amongst us. I had Randy call this stand. We had all been practicing the calling sounds in the truck. We set up where Randy was looking at some ferns in the valley below him plus a hill that rose above that. I had Victor and his son Victor II (approx. 11 years old?) watch to the right of Randy where Randy couldn't see. They were also looking at a valley of ferns plus to the right of the same hill that Randy was watching. Chris and I set up behind them to watch the backdoor. Randy called & called & called, not sounding too bad. Just when he was thinking nothing was going to happen, he sees a coyote go running by on the far hill. He said that when he saw that coyote he just came to pieces. He forgot how to call and was just flabbergasted! The one coyote soon became 3 coyotes then they disappeared. Randy ended the stand however we heard no answer from Victor and his son. I walked over to Randy and he whispered that he had seen a coyote on the far hill. Victor and Victor II were still intently looking at their hill. They said they had seen 3 coyotes! The coyotes were soon spotted again kind of hanging around on the far hill at rifle range. They must not have noticed us yet. Anyway, Victor set up some sticks and put the rifle on top with Victor II watching. We could see the coyotes from time to time. Victor wanted young Victor II to experience taking a shot and hopefully knock one down. It took a little bit, but Victor II did eventually shoot, BOOM! We then had to go check the shot. He missed.

The next stand was where I thought there was a real good chance of foxes showing up. It was a little walk to the edge. This time I had young Chris call. We sat on the edge looking and I sat next to Chris to monitor his calling. Chris was loud and blaring and I worked with him to try and get him to get more control of the calling sound. He still needed work though. Then I heard an animal scream, AARRGHH, AARRGH. I told Chris that it was a fox and to keep calling! Soon a fox popped out onto a rock ledge below us. I was ready and shot BOOM, just as the fox turned to leave. I missed. I instructed Chris to keep calling and soon we heard another fox screaming. AARGH, AARGH, AARGH, then Randy shot, BOOM! Keep calling I told Chris. He did, and we soon heard yet another fox screaming in the distance however the evening was approaching fast, so I ended the stands and we all got up to talk about what had happen. Randy had gone downhill to look for the fox he'd shot at and was coming back up the hill empty-handed when we walked over. He wasn't sure if he'd connected. I helped him look. These hills were steep, and darkness was coming. I also found nothing & we all headed back to the truck. Everyone had seen something and they all wanted to go back out on Sunday morning. We were a little late getting back to the Boot Camp because we were so far away. Back at Boot Camp there were a coyote, a gray fox and a badger on the ground & the badger-guy asked could I skin the badger. It had been shot with a shotgun twice then the last shot was with a rifle in the rear. That made for a messy skinning job however I got it done & some people got to see a critter get skinned. Stories were told, then some prizes were given out mainly for the Youth. Next morning, we were on the road after coffee but before Breakfast proper was served. We went close to the same location where we'd called the fox the night before. I set us up so that we were all looking over the edge. Dad Victor had found a .410 shotgun that hadn't been fired yet and was going to use it. Dad Victor was the one that called this stand. He called and called however it all sounded the same so after a bit I called for a little bit. You can tell when I call because I make I make it LOUD! I would call some then stop and Victor would continue. I'd wait a bit then do it again just to get the sound to travel out a little more. Then I shut up. Minutes later Victor is calling & shoots, BOOM! He said that a fox came tearing up the hill at him & he shot the fox at 10 steps! I think it was mostly in self-defense. (smile) We ended the stand and walked back to the truck for pictures and more re-telling of the story. We tried a couple more stands after that then went back to Camp. Camp was mostly gone now. I skinned the fox attracting a small crowd of folks that were still there. This was a Good Trip. I did hear of one bear that got called in. It was not season so it lived. 4 coyotes, 2 foxes and a badger were what was taken that I know of.



***** NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP to stay a PPCI Member!** On Jan. 1st, 2018 the PPCI Officers & Board decided to do away with the hard copy Newsletter and go to an on-line only issue. To receive a Newsletter send me your info, at pvcigroup@yahoo.com Once you receive the E-Mail copy you will be notified by E-Mail when your Membership is due. Please submit proper payment to keep your Membership current. The fee to renew remains \$25 and should be made payable to PPCI. Send payment to PPCI c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. For new members the fee is \$35, and forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Contact Ruth S. 602-524-3586. **PPCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 159 PPCI NEW MEMBERS:**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 24 – Archery Deer, Antelope, Bear, Turkey, Javelina, Ltd. Buffalo & Rifle Bear Seasons open. Check your Hunt Regs.
 Aug. 24 – Mountain Lion Season Reopens. Check your Hunt Regs.
 Sept. 1 – Dove, Blue Grouse, Chukar, Crow, Coatimundi, Tassel-eared Squirrel in Unit 33 seasons open. Check Hunt Regs.
 Sept. 5 – This is the 1st Wednesday, PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. Special Novice Meeting. The Novice/Expert groups will be chosen for Novice Hunt after a multitude of info. is heaped upon you. Start time 7:00p.m.
 Sept. 6 – Archery Antelope Season ends.
 Sept. 7 – Rifle & Muzzleloader Antelope Seasons open.
 Sept. 8-9 – PPCI Novice Hunt. The 1st official Hunt of the 2018-2019 Season. A Novice must be on each team for that team to qualify.
 Sept. 13 – Archery Deer Seasons close statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.
 Sept. 14 – Archery Elk Season opens in many Hunt Units, Check your Hunt Regs.
 Sept. 19 – This is the 3rd Wednesday, PPCI Board of Directors Meeting, Barro’s Pizza 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy.
 Sept. 21-22 AZ Game & Fish Commission Meeting 2878 E White Mountain Blvd, Pinetop 928-367-4281
 Sept. 22-23 – Southwest Fur Harvesters Rendezvous AZ 260 & FS RD 149. More info inside. Seminars start at 8AM
 Sept. 28 – Early Rifle Bull Elk Hunt opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
 Oct. 3 - This is the 1st Wednesday, PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. Sign-up for the 6-Month Hunt begins. Cost is \$20 per person. Only 1 or 2-Man Teams allowed in the Novice & Expert Category.
 Oct. 5 – Rifle Bear, Fall Turkey, Tree Squirrel, Bandtail Pigeon Seasons open in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
 Oct. 6-7 - PPCI Monthly Hunt. Competition amongst the members. 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

PPCI MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for September will be a Mossberg Patriot .308 with Scope
 The Gun for October will be a Weatherby PA-O8 Upland 12-gauge Shotgun

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
 James & Ruth S.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
 Scott & Dorothy B.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
 Brent & Cindy F.



Married 23 years –Sept 9th



Married 41 years -Oct 1st



Married 8 years on Oct. 10

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING “SPECIAL” also NOVICE HUNT COMING– SEPT 8-9, 2018!

PPCI’s Official 1st Hunt of the 2018-2019 Season is happening Sept. 8-9, 2018! This Hunt Pairs Novices with Experts for a weekend of Hands-On Learning Experiences. Also, the September Monthly Meeting should be interesting for ALL levels of predator callers. **Various experienced members of the Club will speak on various aspects of predator calling. Also, you Experts WE NEED your help in being available so that the Novices can have an experience the weekend of Sept. 9-10.**

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 contact 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.



THE 6-MONTH HUNT & OTHER FUN HUNT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU IN PVC I

PVCI is a hunting club, let there be no bones about it. As such there may be some of you both new member & older who may not know about some of the fun hunt opportunities the Club has to help you hone your skills and create friendly competition amongst each other. Hunt-wise there are of course the Monthly Club Hunts that we have every month from September through March. These **hunts happen the weekend after the first Wednesday of the month** which is when our Monthly Meeting takes place. This hunt is a weekend hunt and normally allows for 1, 2 or 3-man teams to compete against each other, the exception being the Novice Hunts in September & March where up to 4 people may be allowed. The cost for this hunt is \$10 per person. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place receive a small memento for placing. As an added incentive the names of all those who hunt this hunt receive one point for an end of the year "Special Raffle." In addition, those that win 1st Place receive 3 extra points, 2nd Place receives 2 extra points, 3rd Place receives 1 extra point more towards this Special Raffle. Each point collected puts your name into this "Special Raffle" Drawing once. At the end of the Season **Top Caller, Top Shooter, Top Novice, Best of 7 & Top 6-Month Hunt Expert & Novice Teams** will receive a special incentive award. All other participating hunter entries will be in the "Special Raffle Drawing" for the remaining incentive awards. **The 6-Month Hunt** is a hunt that pits you against the other 6-Month Hunt team members to see which team can get the most predators in a 6-Month time span. This hunt has 2 categories, Expert & Novice and is limited to 1 or 2-man teams only with a cost of \$20 per person. You sign up with the Hunt Chairman Ron H. and he dictates what the monthly proof of kill will be. **The 6-Month Hunt begins at the October Monthly Meeting and runs until the April Monthly Meeting** unless you are an Expert that signed/paid for the 6-Month Hunt before the Novice Hunt and then took a Novice out and called & killed a predator during that Hunt only. This is for incentive & If you fit this category, then you get an earlier start. The Top Teams at the end of the year get their names entered onto a perpetual trophy! One 6 Month Hunt Rule that must be followed is that if there are 2 team members then they must hunt at least one Club Hunt together. The deadline to enter this 6-Month Hunt is by the end of the November Monthly Meeting.

The MULTI-CLUB HUNT is a one-day Hunt (Date to be determined) that pits our Club against the other Predator-Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the "BEST" Calling Club in the state? **We WON this hunt last year!** PVC I members, **we ask that if you hunt no other hunt during the year, PLEASE HUNT ON THIS ONE DAY HUNT!** The cost for this Hunt is Free! Look for a date & details in this Newsletter! *****Electronics are allowed on this one-day Multi-Club Hunt and on All of our Monthly Club Hunts also. Our new Hunt Chairman Ron H. says that he will award a separate Top E-Caller when the Top Awards are given out this next year. When calling if you use an e-caller at any point on the stand then the stand will be considered an e-called stand. Remember this when turning in your proof-of-kills or checking critters in.**

The Top Shooter is the member who kills the most critters with all critters counting as one, **Top Caller**, the member who calls the most critters, **Top Novice**, Novice who calls the most critters and **Best of 7**, the Top member who places the most in all of the Club Hunts. Lots of opportunity, however you have got to get out and go Calling!

PVCI MEMBER PROFILE-WAYNE W.

This Newsletter we are talking to PVCI Member Extraordinaire Wayne W. Wayne is the 2018-2019 Top Caller & Top Shooter. Between him & hunting partner long-time PVCI Member Craig B. they accounted for approx. 150 coyotes 3 badgers & 1 bobcat this past year! The way I do these interviews is to pick a member and ask them all the same set of questions. Here goes:



1) How did you become interested in predator calling? About 15 years ago I went to visit a guy that I went to church with & as we were talking there were skins & trophies at his house and he mentioned what he did for his hobby and he asked me if I ever thought about going varmint hunting? At the time I had little kids and could not do it. So as time went on and life status changed, he'd planted the seed however I lost track of Craig. I was still interested and went to PVCI Meeting & looked around and Craig was there! I went to an APC Meeting also in July but they don't meet in the summer.

2) How long have you been calling? Two years. I have been in the Club 3 years but had dental issues & could not call the first year.

3) What are some of your accomplishments as far as critters called/harvested and PVCI pins earned? We have won the 6-Month Hunt Trophy the last 2 years and I was the Top Caller & Top Shooter this last year. I have had a partner at times and went out with other people like Ken and Eddie. I won the Best of 7 for the 2016-2017 Season. I called 46 coyotes my 1st year, 78 coyotes my 2nd year plus a bobcat and called a double on kit fox. There are 2 pistol coyotes, I have made a ton of new friends. Coyote hunting is fun but I also enjoy the camaraderie of new friends.

4) Name 3 of your favorite predator calls that are always in your pocket? #1 the Porath Triple Play #2) There is a cheap knock-off name that you can purchase at Sportsman's Warehouse. The name??? It sounds like the Triple Play. #3) The Tally-Ho w/regular reed. There is also a mid-size Orion Call. I love that call too.

5) What is your favorite gun/load combo? AR-15 in .223 shooting a Hornady Superformance 55 grain bullet.

6) What is your favorite predator to hunt and why? The coyote, I like to outsmart them at their own game. I like that moment of shock right before I put their lights out. The "OH SH-T" look!!!

7) Describe your most successful stand or day? One day Craig and I called in 7 coyotes, they all came in at one time. We had found the transition zone between 2 packs. We were right in the middle between them. They were both howling and carrying on. One December, Craig was elk hunting, so I went hunting alone and killed 10 coyotes in 2 days!

8) Describe your most disastrous stand or day? I have gone out a bunch of times when the wind was blowing all the way out to the area. I don't like talking about. I've tried calling into the wind and low to the ground. You just can't get the sound to carry. On days like this I've also tried calling from the heights, like trees. Sometimes nothing works.

9) Describe your closest encounter or most frightening moment: I had a coyote come up on me fast and really close. I was calling and looked down at something for a minute. I got a hair stuck in my reed. I looked down to look at it then looked up and saw a coyote running full-bore right at me from approx. 25 yards. I barely got the rifle up in time. I shot this coyote 3 or 4 times. If I'd missed I'm sure I've had gotten run over!

10) What is your favorite camo pattern? My camo is all different, whatever fits me. I kind of like the creosote -looking stuff, the green, the black, the tan, the yellow.

11) What do you consider to be the greatest threat to predator calling? Um, the uneducated people. It seems like there has been a lot of politics going on. Some people are so distant from a lot of pieces of life. Like raising a chicken or cow for food. Killing and butchering your own food has become foreign. Especially these days some people really believe that meat comes from the grocery store already wrapped in plastic.

12) Describe your "Dream Hunt Vacation": I would like to try and hunt in Alaska and take a bear with my .44 Mag pistol, a big bear. I like pistol-hunting a lot. I would also like to take more coyotes with my pistol.

PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/FUND-RAISING AUCTION COMING-DEC. 5, 2018

The dates for the 2018 PVCI Christmas Party/Potluck/Auction will be December 5th at the PVCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. The Christmas Party taking the place of the Meeting. The Entry Fee will be a can of food or water for the Food Drive put on by Gary A. & Ginger Mc. Members are asked to bring a Potluck item or dessert to share and also if possible a donation item for the Fund-Raising Auction. We are currently trying to ask for donations from the many Outdoor & Sporting Organizations like in the past however lately this process seems to yield less and less results each year. As this is a Fund-Raiser we are planning on having a Bucket and Balloon plus Silent & General Auctions.

CALLING STAND ETIQUETTE

by Eddie M

If you just joined PPCI Congrats! Congrats also if you're a Novice & are going on the Hunt! You have a LOT to learn & your Expert will be working with you, trying to get you started on a path to success. Here's some etiquette to consider.

- 1) Remember that there are **NO HARD & SET RULES** in this sport. Sometimes different things work for different callers.
 - 2) When you get out of the truck & on the way to a stand location, ***be conscious of the NOISE that you make. TRY to be quiet.*** Do common sense things like *whispering, not slamming doors, trying to walk quietly instead of just walking*, etc.
 - 3) **To Be SAFE: Stay standing & know where your hunting partners are before you sit down.** Many callers unwittingly just sit down & start getting ready to either watch or call with NO thought of the others people's locations.
 - 4) **Treat EVERY firearm as if it was loaded at ALL times! This means that you should NEVER, EVER POINT ANY FIREARM at any person!** To me a firearm should be carried & loaded by either pointing it up or down & NOT by holding it level! I've had the misfortune to be around several times when a firearm went off at the vehicle while being loaded! Guess what, half the time, the firearm was LEVEL & we were "Lucky" that no one was wounded or killed! *There are a LOT of you out there that LOAD & especially carry & inadvertently point a firearm by holding it level at times.* This shouldn't happen, shucks half the time you're probably not even aware that you are doing it **"BUT YOU ARE!"** **If you did this at the rifle range, you'd automatically be kicked off the range.** To me you should **ALWAYS** make an **"Obvious Effort"** to avoid leveling or worse, inadvertently pointing your firearm at anyone. **Once the shot leaves the barrel, you can't call it back!**
 - 5) Pick an area where you can see in front of you. Sit in front of the bushes, shadows preferred of course. Let your camo work for you. Having shooting lanes are nice for both the caller and shooter.
 - 6) Stay put once the calling begins. If you want to move do so **BEFORE** the calling starts and **LET THE OTHERS KNOW!**
 - 7) Don't forget to put some feeling into your calling. The best feeling to convey is pain, the next is surprise. Try to sound like a critter that's hurt & not like a person blowing a call. Call with confidence, expect something to show up!
 - 8) Shooting: A zone is the area that you are supposed to watch during a calling stand. You watch from here to here. When it comes to shooting, *if the critter's in your zone & you have the shot, take it!* It doesn't matter who called it in, as this is a Team Effort. **Pick a spot when you shoot & TRY TO HIT the critter.** Don't just shoot to shoot to make noise. Missing shots is going to happen, I don't care who you are. Patterning your shotgun & zeroing your rifle will help you!
 - 9) **BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND BEFORE YOU PULL THE TRIGGER!**
 - 10) If you are calling & you or someone else shoots, get back to calling as soon as you can afterwards. The sound of the shot does not seem to bother most predators as long as they are not the one being shot at & another critter is possible.
 - 11) Once the stand is over, *stand up slowly & look around.* If in cat country take a few steps forward and look around again. **ALWAYS LOOK at where you sat BEFORE you leave, especially if there was action.** I have lost caps, calls, gloves, etc.
 - 12) You be the one to bring an alarm clock and camera to each trip. **Do HONOR YOUR CRITTER & take its picture.**
- If you are staying the night you might want to include:** Sleeping bag, space blanket(s), foam or air mattress, plus the items to cook dinner unless you are going to eat dinner cold. Don't forget a poncho or rain gear if rainy. **Do try to be able to hunt both days.** If you don't have to come back to town to sleep it saves on gas. Do listen to what your expert tells you. Do practice your calling and most importantly have fun!

MOST COMMON MISTAKES: 1) **Not joining the Pin Program before the Hunt!** 2) Showing up to hunt at your Experts place with your camo clothes already on. Most experts keep their camo in a plastic bag & get dressed out in the field.

- 3) Slamming the door shut. 4) Loading your weapon with it pointed level instead of up or down. 5) Talking aloud on the way to the stand. 6) Just walking to your stands instead of trying to walk quietly. 7) Walking with your weapon level instead of up or down & inadvertently pointing your weapon at people while carrying your weapon level instead of up or down. 8) Forgetting a sleeping bag if staying out overnight or snacks. 9) Not having Hunting License, Medicine, Beanie cap, Boots

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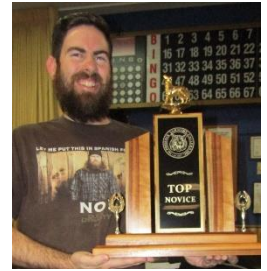
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1. PNCI TOP AWARDS FOR 2017-2018 SEASON



TOP CALLER (EXPERT): Wayne W. – 690 points
TOP CALLER (NOVICE): Nathan S. – 170 points
TOP SHOOTER: Wayne W. – 57 kills

TOP CALLER & SHOOTER



TOP NOVICE

6-MONTH HUNT TEAM RESULTS (EXPERT)

1ST PLACE: Craig B. & Wayne W. – 1100 Calling Points
2ND PLACE: Mark S. & Tim L. – 810 Calling Points
3RD PLACE: Ken E. & Chris B. – 570 Calling Points

6-MONTH HUNT TEAM RESULTS (NOVICE)

1ST PLACE: Nathan S. & John S. – 170 points
2ND PLACE: Sean Y. & Ian D. – 20 points



Craig B. & Wayne W.

**TOP 6-MONTH HUNT
EXPERT TEAM**



Nathan S.



John S.

**TOP 6TH MONTH HUNT
Novice Team**

(BEST OF 7 FOR 7-MONTH TOTAL)

1ST PLACE: Ken E.

2ND PLACE: Wayne W.

3RD PLACE: Tim L.

TOP 5 CALLERS FOR THE 2017/2018 SEASON

These are Calling Points for the 7-Month (Sept – March) Totals.

- 1) Wayne W. – 68 Coyotes, 1 Fox
- 2) Tim L. – 13 coyotes, 8 Bobcats, 8 Foxes
- 3) Craig B. – 37 Coyotes, 2 Badgers, 2 Foxes
- 4) Mark S. – 23 Coyotes, 1 Bobcat, 10 Foxes
- 5) Ken E. – 30 Coyotes, 6 Foxes

TOTAL PNCI CLUB HARVEST for the season: 229 Coyotes, 31 Foxes, 13 Bobcats, 3 Badgers, 1 Bear

Each of the Top Winners above also received a knife. Hunt Chairman Bob B. then raffled off the remaining knives ONLY to those hunters who participated in the 2017/2018 Monthly Scramble Hunts. For every Hunt that you participated in, your name went into the Raffle that many times. In addition, if you received 1st Place in these Monthly Scramble Hunts your name was entered 3 more times, 2nd Place received a 2 more times name entry and 3rd Place received a one more time name entry. For all of you "Hunting Members" who did participate in the Monthly Scramble Hunts – THANK YOU! This is a Hunting Club and as such should have Members that go out and Hunt. We are constantly trying to think of ways to get more PNCI members out hunting. If you have any ideas please let the Hunt Chairman, President, etc. know. All ideas will be considered.

**** HUNT RULE CHANGES:** New Hunt Chairman Ron T. wants more members to hunt. New for the 2018/2019 Season, there will be a Top E-Caller in addition to the Top Caller/Top Shooter. Coyotes go up to 15 points. Fox will be 10.

MOUNTAIN LION HUNT CHANGES for 2018/2019 SEASON

This year the 2017/2018 Mountain lion season closed on June 30, 2018. The first summer closure was in effect from July 1, 2018 to Aug. 23, 2018. The 2018/2019 Mountain Lion Season opened with the archery deer season on Aug. 24, 2018 and will run through May 31, 2019. Beginning with the 2018/2019 Season the Mountain Lion Harvest will be managed using 15 Management zones consisting of one or more Hunt Units. The total number of lions harvested (harvest thresholds) has been established per zone. When a harvest threshold is reached in a management zone that zone will close at sundown the Wednesday immediately following & stay closed the remainder of the season. Hunters will be responsible for calling the Mountain Lion Line (877-438-0447) before hunting to determine if any Mountain Lion Management Zones have closed. The bag limit is one lion per year statewide. Hunting Hours are Daylight Shooting Hours Only. Pursuit Only Season, where dogs can pursue only but lion can't be killed or captured will run from Aug. 24, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

SOUTHWEST FUR HARVESTERS RENDEVOUS-SEPT 22-23, 2018

The Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) are having their Annual Rendezvous on Sept. 22-23 and predator callers are Encouraged to attend. The location will be on Hwy. 260 at Mile Marker 149 near the Hwy. 260 and Hwy. 87 split. The SWFH are a very dedicated group of folks that know how to get critters and are willing to pass on and share this knowledge to others. Always Good Seminars on various outdoor subjects like foot-hold & cage trapping, predator calling, fur-handling, trail cameras, etc. Various vendors are also selling their wares. Silent Auction, raffles, some excellent deals can be had here! The 1st seminars begin at 8:00a.m. April of the AZGFD will likely be there and the Trappers Course will be given on Sunday the 23rd. This is one of those Events you should not miss! There is plenty of Free camping in the woods and a port-a-potty will be available. As this is the Main Fund-Raiser for the SWFH do consider donating something (not required) to help them keep going. Coffee & doughnuts provided in morning, lunch in afternoon and even an evening meal as well. Hope to see you there! **DIRECTIONS:** You are going to have to check their website at www.southwestfurharvesters.com for directions. Basically, they are on Hwy. 260 close to the Hwy. 87 split. Last year you tuned at milepost 248 or 249 to FR144. This year I hear it may be FR149 instead but am not sure? They will have their SWFH signs out on Hwy. 260 so be looking for them.

LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS: 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 22-27 of the 2018/2019 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 at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a PVC member & often wear my PVC T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked hunting.

Sept. 7-9 – Becoming An Outdoors Woman – Workshop for adult women (18 & older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS & more. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing & fun. Fee Required, includes lodging & meals. Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott. Host: AZ. Wildlife Federation. Info: www.azwildlife.org, click on Education/BOW. Register: Call 480-644-0077 or awf@azwildlife.org

Sept. 23-24 – Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) Annual Rendezvous: Free Event featuring Trapping & Predator Calling demos & supplies from people that know. Trappers Education Course Sunday Morning. Camping in area. Location: North of Strawberry, east of Camp Verde Host: SWFH Info. **Ralph Bosse, venerer@aol.com or www.southwestfurharvesters.com**

Oct 4-7: Unit 1 Squirrel Hunt Camp: Beginners only. How to hunt & cook. Location: Unit 1, north of Greens Peak off FR117. Host youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES, AZGFD. Food provided. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Oct 5-7: Outdoor Skills Squirrel Hunt & Fish Camp: 1st time hunters/fishers only. Meals. Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, west of WOODS Canyon Lake. Host AZGFD, Red Bear Outfit, Mogollon Sporting assoc. Info: Joe Sayer, 928-853-0963 jsayer@azgfd.gov

Too many Youth Deer Oct 4-7 & Elk Camps Oct 11-14 to list. Refer to pages 26-27 in the 2018-2019 AZ. Hunting Regs.

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