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Presidents Message!

Guys & Gals is it hot in AZ right now or what. Time to go up and help clear the " See Canyon Trail " above Payson. Our Club has been doing this for over 50 years. Get with April B. she is running this Trail Clearing Event July 29-30th. Next up!!!! Who is ready to start Calling again. You don't want to miss the PVC I GKMB (George Knox Memorial Boot Camp) Aug 11-13. We are looking to get as many of you out there as Mentors as possible. Bob B (Hunt Chairman) will be sharing the Hunt Rules at the Aug. 2nd Meeting.

NO JULY MEETING ENJOY THE 4th!!! Next Meeting is August 2nd

President Question. What's everyone think about electronic calls?

THINGS TO KNOW:

There is a NEW CLUB MEETING LOCATION & NEW CLUB MEETING DAY!!!

**** The NEW Club Meeting Location is 6822 N. 57th Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29. Also the Club Meetings are back to being the 1st Wednesday of the Month. 7 to 10P.M.**

****There are going to be some Hunt Rule changes happening this upcoming year with PVC I.**

Be sure to come to the Monthly Meeting on Aug. 2nd to hear & read about these changes & the Hunt Rules for 2017/2018 season in general.

**** UPCOMING PVC I EVENT: July 29-30, 2017 - Annual PVC I Trail Clearing of the See Canyon Trail, a survival trail on the Rim between Promontory Butte & Christopher Creek. The work to be done on Saturday the 29th. Map & more inside.**

****UPCOMING PVC I EVENT: PVC I George Knox Memorial Varmint Calling Boot Camp is scheduled for Aug. 11-12-13 2017. The location will be Vincent Ranch in Unit 4A. This Boot Camp is designed to teach you about calling in predators in an in-the-field setting & is for ALL those who have an interest including Youth & Adult. Meals provided. Cost is Free! You MUST Pre-Register. Contact Ray at everidgeknives@sportmanscommunity.com Map & more info. inside.**

PVC I members we REALLY, REALLY, REALLY NEED you as MENTORS!

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Brent F Gun Winner



PVC I CAMPOUT & BBQ



PVC I Fishing Contest



TOP 6-Month Hunt Team

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Top Caller & Top Shooter



Top 6-Month Hunt Expert Team

PVCI TOP AWARDS FOR 2016 - 2017 S

TOP CALLER (EXPERT): Craig B. – 670 points
TOP CALLER (NOVICE): Mark S. – 745 points
TOP SHOOTER: Craig B. – 56 kills



Top Novice



Best of 7 Hunts

6 – MONTH HUNT TEAM RESULTS (EXPERT)

1st Place: Craig B. & Wayne . -1190 calling points
2nd Place: (?)
3rd Place: (?)

MONTHLY SCRAMBLE HUNT WINNERS

(Best of 7 for 7-Month Totals)

1st Place: Wayne ?., 2nd Place: (?) 3rd Place: (?)

(?) Means I can't get the information from the Past Hunt Chairman-Ray

Each of the Top Winners above received an Evridge Knife. Hunt chairman Ray then raffled off the remaining Evridge Knives only to those members who participated in the 2016/2017 Monthly Scramble or Club Hunts. For every Hunt that you participated in, your name went into the Raffle that many times. If you took 1st Place , 3 more entries, 2nd Place, 2 more entries, 3rd Place, 1 more entry. In the raffle, if your name was pulled, you could win only 1 knife. PVCI has done this traditionally for many years now. The \$10 Monthly Hunt Fee is used to pay for the knives.

For all those members that did participate, Thank You Very Much for participating in the Monthly Club Hunts! Also **THANK YOU Ray Evridge of Evridge Knives** for making the knives this year!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Anniversary

Listen to Don McDowell

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ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE?

(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVCI) 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.



INTERVIEW with P.V.C.I MEMBER CRAIG B.

by Eddie M.



Well I did an interview with the person I consider to be the BEST CALLER in the CLUB, Mr. Craig B. Past President Craig is usually quiet & soft-spoken but will also let you know how he feels. Craig really enjoys varmint calling, has had MANY experiences & has LOTS of stories to tell. Hopefully Craig I got the stories below mostly correct.

1) How did you become interested in predator calling? It started off after meeting somebody. His Dad did some calling in the 1967-1968 timeframe. We went out a few times but nothing happened. Still it was intriguing. I didn't see my 1st coyote coming in until 1971! His Dad was good. We would go calling in places where others had been. They would kill things however I never saw them coming in as I was always on the wrong side. I got involved with another guy. We went calling out by Florence Prison during a freak snowstorm. We called in 6 coyotes & killed 3 of them! That got me hooked!

2) How long have you been calling? Let's see I started actually calling around 1970. I guess approximately 47 years!

3) What are some of your accomplishments as far as critters called/ harvested? I have called in about everything that you can call here in Arizona except maybe buffalo. I'm joking. Let's see skunks, 1 ringtail, rabbits, squirrels, aliens out of the brush in some places & right to me in others, ranchers. Deer, elk, antelope, javelina & all the predators plus birds of prey (Once I had 2 golden eagles fighting over top of me) and one prairie dog came out its hole and got pissy with me until a hawk flew over, then the dog went down its hole. Craig has a 300-coyote pin, 1 bear and 2 lion pins has killed over 20 bobcats has taken over 15 coyotes with various handguns and has 1 archery coyote he shot broadside at 15yards!

4) Name three of your favorite calls that are always in your pocket? A Crittergitter, the Circe Calls, Cottontail preferred yet will use the Circe Jackrabbit on windy days to get the sound out here. Also, Tweety.

5) What is your favorite predator gun/load combination? My all-time favorite is a Mini-14 shooting a 55 gr. HMR bullet with a Remington tip. That combo has accounted for most of my kills over the years.

6) What is your favorite predator to hunt & why? I absolutely love fooling a coyote. There are enough of them, they do dumb things & they can make you laugh. They're like a clown in disguise yet wily. I like fooling them at their own game.

7) Describe your most successful stand or day? (This story Craig told me about) I once called in 16 coyotes that were counted and shot 6 of them. (This story I remembered) I remember Craig talking about calling a coyote, bobcat, lion & bear all on the same stand on San Carlos some years back.

8) Describe your most disastrous stand or day? The scope on the Mini-14 got broken, the crosshairs were off. I would have had a 10-coyote day yet missed them all due to that broken scope.

9) Describe your closest encounter or most frightening moment? I once called in a coyote that ran in, got close and grabbed hold of my boot! It actually had its teeth in my boot when I shot it! Another time myself and another were sitting together between 2 rock pillars. I was calling when all of a sudden, a mountain lion sailed from one pillar to the other right over the top of us! I can remember seeing the back legs and tail go over the top! This caused us both to react and we ended up bumping our heads against each other pretty darn good. The Big Cat landed on the rock pillar on the other side and took off running! I also remember calling in my 1st bear. I was hunting with a guy that was still learning. We found a bear & I put him on a stand behind me & started calling. This guy saw another bear & we actually quit calling to the first bear for this 2nd bear. I could see the bear about 1/2 mile away. I started calling & the bear started coming. I kept calling, it kept coming!

When the bear got to about 50 yards I figured it was close enough & stopped calling. I looked through the scope & could see the bear's eyes & had to force myself not to look at them but instead pick a spot. It was an intense time! I waited for a shot. Twenty seconds went by; I was not going to let the bear get away. Boom, I shot & dumped the bear! Then I chambered a round in the 30.06 & went over to the spot where the bear died while looking for the guy I'd left. He was not there! He'd gotten up & left! Then as I'm standing there I hear the brush crackling & breaking below me. Is it another bear? No, instead out steps this guy! Changing locations like he did is a Big NO, NO!

10) What is your favorite camouflage pattern? I like stuff that looks like creosote. It is not so much the pattern but stuff that catches my eye, again stuff that looks like creosote and Palo Verde. I go to my dark Ghillie Suit a lot. It has drab green, drab brown & drab black. It is also light and not heavy, it breathes.

11) What do you consider to be the greatest threat to predator calling? People that don't know how to. That plus the group that Ray warned us about. They have something to do with the Humane Society, something to do with the humane treatment of wildlife. They scare me. I think that they have Big Teeth.

12) Describe your Dream Vacation? Going to Alaska with my wife to see the great caribou migration.



PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE REPORT-2017

by Eddie M.

One of our most attended Outdoor Events is the PVCI Campout & Barbecue. Here PVCI members bring their families & friends up to the cool woods essentially to meet & get to know each other in a camping atmosphere. There are friendly shooting competitions that take place pitting the men against the men & the women against the women and all against each other. There are other games (Corn Hole), Good Food, the Campfire, the stories...we bond. This sort of Club bonding is what we talk about when we invite the members to not just hunt but also come to the Events! You will make friends, your wife, children & friends you bring will make friends & share stories & recipes, etc. & making friends is important when you are a Club. The Top Women's Shooter this year was Kendall E. who took her Title back. The Top Men's Shooter was Gary A. M. who once again held on to his Title although he didn't win every Event. Gary also again won the Jug Money Shoot. We will share some pictures & show some shooting results but they really only show a fraction of what you missed if you were not there. Really hope to see you next time. Thanks to all involved!

PVCI 2017 CAMPOUT & BARBECUE PICS



PVC I 2017 BARBECUE SHOOT RESULTS

WOMEN'S .22 RIFLE

- 1) Clinh S.
- 2) Brandi
- 3) Ruth S.

MEN'S .22 RIFLE

- 1) Gary A. Mc.
- 2) Nick
- 3) Terry

WOMEN'S .22 PISTOL

- 1) Clinh S.
- 2) Kayla
- 3) Ruth S.

MEN'S .22 PISTOL

- 1) Terry
- 2) Steve
- 3) Gary A.M.

MUZZLELOADER

- 1) Gary A.M.
- 2) Bob J.
- 3) Tom

3D ARCHERY

- 1) Ken E.
- 2) Gary A.M.
- 3) Kendall E.

MEN'S 5-PIN

- 1) Bob J.
- 2) Hawke
- 3) Terry

JUG SHOOT WINNER

Gary A.M.-AGAIN!!!

WOMEN'S GONG SHOOT

- 1) Brandi
- 2) Kendall E.
- 3) Shaunda

MEN'S GONG SHOOT

- 1) Hawke S.
- 2) Gary A.M.
- 3) Steve

WOMEN'S TOP SHOOTER

Clinh

MEN'S TOP SHOOTER

Gary A.M

NEXT UPCOMING EVENT: PVC I ANNUAL TRAIL CLEARING JULY 29-30, 2017

PVC I members mark your calendars for the weekend of July 29-30. This will be the dates for the Annual PVC I Trail Clearing. The actual work will take place on Saturday Aug. 29th however many members use this Event as an excuse to spend the whole weekend out of the desert HEAT! The plan is to meet the Forest Service person or our person-in charge at the top PVC I sign off of FS Road 300 (where the See Canyon Trailhead begins) at 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Here we will pass out the tools and take a PVC I Trail Clearing group shot by the PVC I sign! PVC I will be offering water & Gatorade for refreshments at the Trail's end. Campers need to bring all other supplies, gear, food & water for weekend.

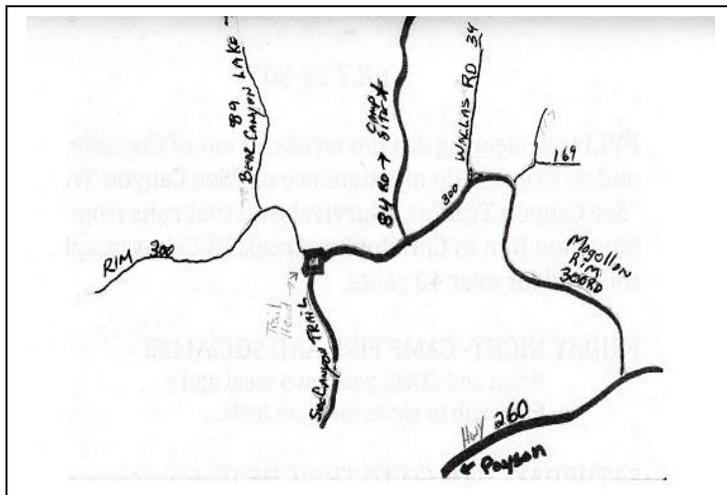
Fire restrictions permitting, we will be camping off of FS Road 84. This Road is on the Rim Road or FS300 past the Woods Canyon Lake Turn-off but before the Bear Canyon Lake turnoff. See map below. **This place IS different from where we have camped in the past!** If you show up Friday evening, expect a campfire. Bring & cook your own meat & share a dish.

What is the PVC I Trail Clearing? It is the maintenance of a trail called the See Canyon Trail, which is a survival trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte down to Christopher Creek & is used by many hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc. **Our club has maintained this trail since the 1960's!** Each year we get many compliments.

There will be a PVC I Hot Dog BAR-B-Q/ Potluck Dinner on Saturday evening (5:00P.M.) with the Club providing the Hot Dogs! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A DISH!** This Trail Clearing Dinner has turned out really nice over the many years and is most definitely worth sticking around for! We will also traditionally have a Potluck Breakfast on Saturday morning before the work begins & still could as long as April (our person in charge of the Event) Does Not Have To Cook! She is thinking of having Coffee & Breakfast Snacks on Sunday Morning only? If we can keep her from cooking, follow tradition & have breakfast anyway then we will need some extra breakfast items such as sausages, bacon & eggs, pancake batter, etc. Some extra frying pans, mixing bowls etc. would help, heck extra cooks too! As this event takes place in Aug. be sure to take your raingear! Brief afternoon showers in the high country are common!

This is a family affair so do bring them. Friends are also invited. Don't forget the POTLUCK DINNER items! Hope to see you at Camp and on the Trailhead! Questions call April B. (623) 703-2894.

Directions: From Phoenix take Hwy 260 to FS Road 300 (the Rim Road), turn left. Take FS Road 300 to FS Road 84 and turn right. They say there will be marked PVC I signs to direct everyone. The campsites will be on FS 84. The Brewer family will be getting to the site on Thursday so they can get two large sites to accommodate the Club.



DIRECTIONS: From Phoenix take Hwy 260 to FS Road 300 (the Rim Road), turn left. Take FS Road 300 to FS Road 84 and turn right. They say there will be marked PVC I signs to direct everyone. The campsites will be on FS 84. The Brewer family will be getting to the site on Thursday so they can get two large sites to accommodate the Club.

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. **There is NO PVCI CLUB MEETING IN JULY.**



The Gun for August (BEAR HUNT SEMINAR??) will be a Remington Model 700 ADL w/synthetic stock & 3x9 scope.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The NEW Club Meeting Location is 6822 N. 57th Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29. Club Meetings are back to being on the 1st Wednesday of the Month. The next Club Meeting will be August 2nd, 7:00P.M.

July 1 – Mountain Lion General and Archery Seasons Open. **DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY!** Check Hunt Regs.

July 1 – Gunnison's Prairie Dog Season open & Tassel-eared Tree Squirrel Season in Unit 31 open. Check your Hunt Regs.

July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY!!! Happy Birthday America!!! There are No AZ. Game & Fish Meetings in July!

July 14-16-Mormon Lake Bowhunter Happening. 3-D archery courses in woods. Food vendors, Kids activities, rock wall, bounce house. Raffles! Camping woods/Mormon Lake. Info or to purchase tickets <http://archerybowhunters.com/>

July 15-16 – Get Outdoors Arizona Expo at WestWorld in Scottsdale, AZ. 1660N. Pima Rd. PVCI will have booth.

July 18 - Combo Elk & Pronghorn Antelope Hunting Seminar: Largest Hunting Seminar in Arizona! Corky Richardson will teach hunting elk w/bow or rifle. Also Antelope Seminar w/ Eli & Tony Grimmett teaching antelope hunting. Both seminars going at same time. Dinner, auctions, raffles, door prizes, many vendors! Cost: Non-perishable food donation. Doors open 5:00p.m. Seminars at 6:00p.m. Location Calvary Comm. Church 12612 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phx. Host: Christian Hunters of America, AES, Ruger, AZ Antelope. Information: christianhuntersofamerica.org 602-309-3430 David

July 29-30 – PVCI ANNUAL TRAIL CLEARING: Come help us clear the See Canyon Trail, a survival trail between Promontory Butte & Christopher Creek. The work done on Saturday the 29th. Snacks before & Potluck Dinner/Hot Dog Bar-B-Q on Saturday night. Questions call Board Member April B. (623) 703-2894. Camping Map & more info. inside.

Aug. 1st – Bobcat, fox, badger, ringtail, raccoon and weasel seasons open. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 2 - This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7- 10:00P.M.

Aug. 4 - 2017 Fall Hunt Permit tags mailed out by now. If you were drawn for a fall big-game hunt you will know.

Aug. 11 – Rifle Bear Season Opens in certain Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 12-13-PVCI George Knox Memorial Varmint Calling Boot Camp Reg: evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com

Aug. 16 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting at ??

Aug. 25 – Application Deadline for 2017 Sandhill Crane Hunts. Rifle Bear Season Opens in certain Hunt Units. Check Regs.

Aug. 25 – Archery-Only antelope, deer, bear, non-permit tag required javelina & tree squirrel seasons open. Check Regs.

Sept. 1 – Blue Grouse, Chukar, Coatimundi & Crow Seasons open & Tassel-eared squirrel in Unit 33 open. Check Regs.

Sept. 6 - This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7- 10:00P.M.

Sept. 9-10 – PVCI NOVICE HUNT!!! The 1st organized Hunt of the 2017-2018 Season.

*****NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: To stay a PVCI Member you MUST PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES YEARLY OR YOU WILL GET DROPPED!** The shipping label on this Newsletter provides your personal membership expiration month & year on the same line as your name in the form of MMM-YY (i.e., FEB-17 for February 2017 expiration). If Membership is NOT current it should be noted in **RED** letters on the shipping label. 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: 150 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: David M.**

THE "GEORGE KNOX MEMORIAL" VARMINT CALLING BOOT CAMP – AUG. 11, 12, 13, 2017



The Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. (PVCi) is planning its own Varmint Calling Boot Camp in conjunction with AZGFD & the AZ. Elk Society on – August 11, 12, 13, 2017. The idea being to make the predator seminars an in-the-field experience, sort of like what Marvin Robbins did with his in-the-woods turkey hunting seminars. Friday is really just for camp set-up & a late meal. On Saturday (13th) members of PVCi will give seminars related to predator-calling covering a variety of topics & answering your questions. The AZGFD may also say a few words. Then sometime after lunch the different groups will be paired with a mentor for a hands-on predator hunt! Sunday morning will feature more hands-on hunting if desired. The idea of having predator instruction in the outdoors was thought about by our own beloved, the late George K. The AZ. Elk Society will also be on hand & will provide meals & other support during this Event. So if you've any interest in learning how to successfully call-in predators, then this Camp's for you. More info at www.pvci.org

WHO: PVCi will conduct a "Varmint Calling Seminar" covering all aspects of calling in critters.

WHEN: August 12-13, 2017. **Please Pre-Register:** info: Contact Ray Evridge at evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com

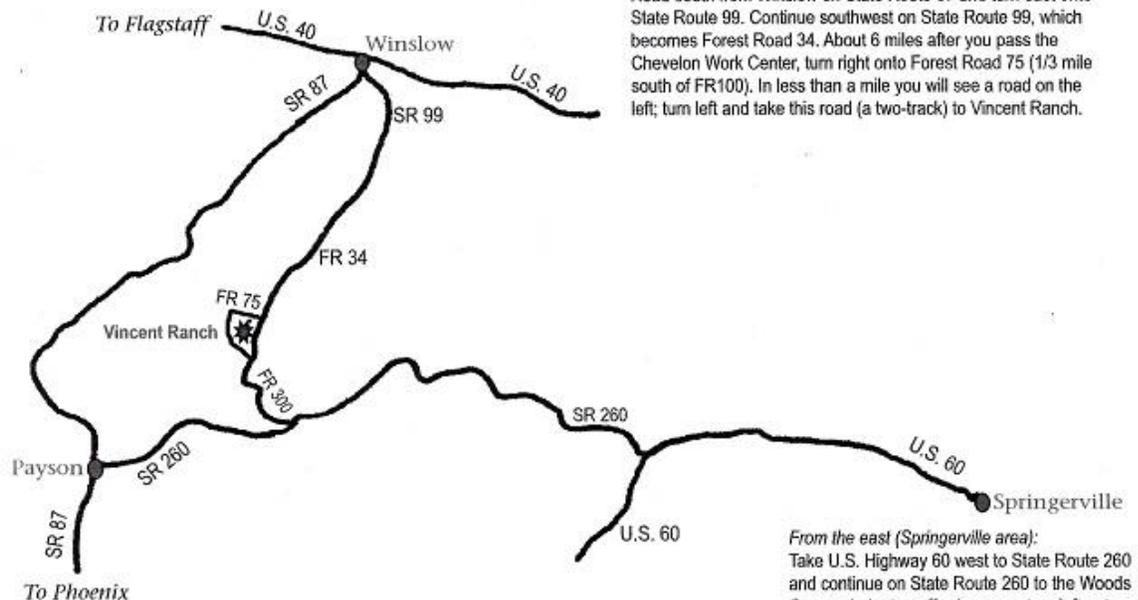
WHERE: The Boot Camp campsite will be at Vincent Ranch (See map & directions below)

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

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

***** REGISTRATION:** Please do pre-register so that we can have some sort of idea of how many to expect. To begin register & find more information e-mail Ray Evridge at evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com he will help you to register from there. Ray plans on a limit of only 75 students. Find more information also at www.pvci.org

Directions to Vincent Ranch



From the north via Winslow:

Head south from Winslow on State Route 87 and turn east onto State Route 99. Continue southwest on State Route 99, which becomes Forest Road 34. About 6 miles after you pass the Chevelon Work Center, turn right onto Forest Road 75 (1/3 mile south of FR100). In less than a mile you will see a road on the left; turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.

From the south via Payson:

Take State Route 87 to Payson. From Payson, take State Route 260 east to the top of the Mogollon Rim. At the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff, turn left onto Forest Road 300 (also known as the Rim Road). Forest Road 300 intersects with Forest Road 34 at a "T" intersection; turn right on Forest Road 34. Forest Road 34 intersects with Forest Road 75 twice; turn left onto Forest Road 75 at the second intersection. In less than a mile you will see a road on the left; turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.

From the east (Springerville area):

Take U.S. Highway 60 west to State Route 260 and continue on State Route 260 to the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff, where you turn left onto Forest Road 300 (also known as the Rim Road). Forest Road 300 intersects with Forest Road 34 at a "T" intersection; turn right on Forest Road 34. Forest Road 34 intersects with Forest Road 75 twice; turn left onto Forest Road 75 at the second intersection. In less than a mile you will see a road on the left; turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.

PVCI ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST REPORT

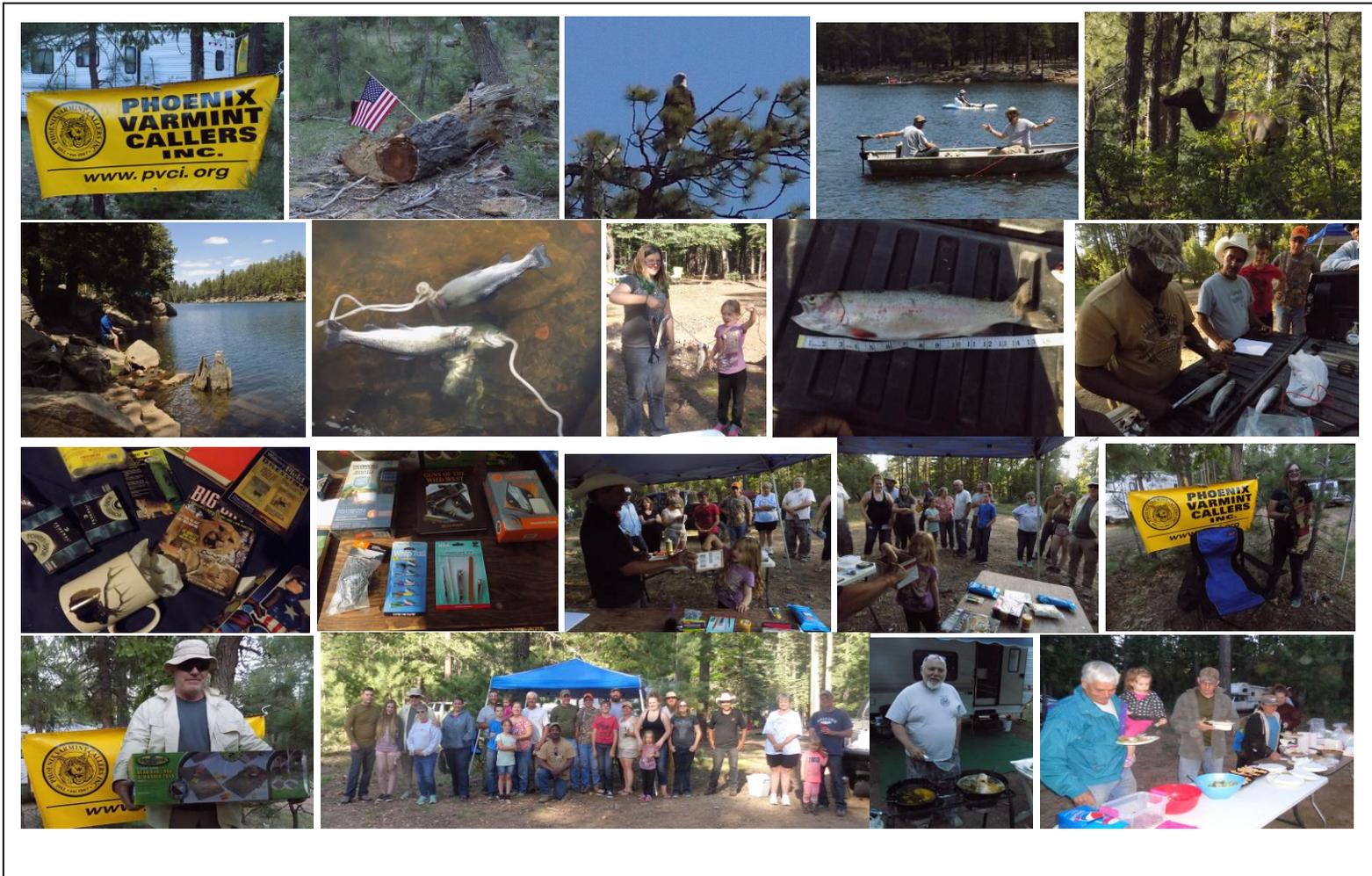
by Eddie M.

New PVCI Board Member Rob T. had a good idea for this year's PVCI Fishing Contest. Of course you have it on Free Fishing Day so the hunters & others amongst us don't need a fishing license. Then including Woods Canyon, Willow Springs & Bear Canyon Lakes, the Top fish producers in the area plus the streams between them, another good idea! Add a good camping location with plenty of cool shade & where it was free to camp, hey! Things did start out slowly but eventually improved and many fish were caught (I had my limit of 6 trout by noon). There was a good turnout of members, their families & friends and truly a Great Time was had by all! The Longest Fish this year for the Adult's went to Mark M. with a 16-1/8" fish from Bear Canyon Lake! The kid's longest fish was Macy's 11-1/4" trout. Macy also had the longest stringer. For the adults the longest stringer was a tie between Ryan L. and Eddie M. who both had 6 fish. Ryan had some overall longer fish though & earned the honor. An Honorable Mention goes to Holly in the Kids Category who also caught a fish & was among the first to pick from the table. ...and we can't forget the smallest trout either, that at only 8-1/8" a fish just barely out of the egg was caught by Shonda.

The table mentioned was for the Members & Guest Raffle & was full of all kinds of prizes from an eyeglass repair kit to a Vortex Bow! All present, whether you fished or not were eligible. The Longest Fish & Longest Stringer winners picked first along with the Small Fish, then all names went into a box & as your name was called you got to pick! PVCI has been doing this for years, everyone wins something.

After the drawing, the fish are cleaned and cooked and we have what is my Favorite part of the Fishing Contest, the Fish Fry/Potluck portion! Here we sit down and eat together, socialize, play games, and just have a good ole time! We have said it over & over, if you are not coming to the Club Events, you are missing out on a not so little thing called bonding. You will see some pictures below trying to capture what happen however unless you are there you have no idea what you really missed. We really hope to see you next year! Enjoy the pictures!

2017 PVCI FISHING CONTEST PICS





WILDERNESS BEAR HUNTING!

by Eddie M.



Arizona is blessed with a fairly good black bear population and there are a number of ways to harvest a bear. The way that I prefer & the one that has worked the best for me involve a combination of glassing, spot-n-stalk and calling. These are usually the easier aspects of my method; the harder part is getting both your vehicle & yourself into the country where these critters live & living with them while you're hunting for them. Many hunt units in Arizona have bears with some having more than others. Ultimately the units with the highest populations are units with Wilderness areas. For me, hunting the Wilderness areas makes the hunting experience more enjoyable as there is usually no competition once you walk in 2 or 3 miles or more. If you have ever hunted some of the popular bear spots outside of the Wilderness areas, pressure can be a 4-letter word. The guys on the ATV's together with people both on top & on the bottom of the hills all using radios. I'm not knocking their methods, they must sometimes work yet it is sometimes hard to compete with these guys when you are trying to do things the fairest way (though not illegal the use of radios makes your critter ineligible for the potential Record Book). Bears getting shot out from under you, your calling attracting the attention of other humans who will shoot what you call in, getting way back or up somewhere and finding ATV's already parked there. This is why I prefer the Wilderness (walk or horses or mules only) areas, practically no competition yet the Wilderness & bear hunting in general in Arizona is tough. The heat, the terrain where the critters live, the size of the animal, the sometimes lack of water and many other factors make bear hunting in Arizona a challenge even for those that use hounds and especially if you put on a backpack. Even in the Wilderness there is no guarantee for success.

Pre-season scouting (going up and checking things out BEFORE the season begins) makes the difference in most big-game hunting situations and Wilderness bears are no exception. One exception to the scouting rule might be if you are going to an area where you have found bears before, say some prickly pear covered hills. Many time if the bears, especially multiple bears have been there in the past, they may be there in the future BUT don't forget where we live. This is Arizona and things can and often DO change. Water dries up; there is an unsuccessful pear crop, the food or bedding areas burns up or the whole mountain or country burns. These things can change everything for many, many years. When should you do your pre-season scouting? NOW! The 1st season for Arizona black bears opens on August 11th followed by another season on August 25th! These two are followed by a couple others later in the year. Waiting until the season opens before you start looking for bears is a recipe for failure!

The Wilderness can be a deadly place if you are not prepared. You need a plan of some sorts and you need to answer some honest questions. If you don't have horses or mules (if you do, have you ridden before by yourself?) then you will be walking. My usual distance is at least 6 mountain miles each way. 1) Have you ever walked 4 or more flat miles? Mountain miles are different than flat miles. Can you do it in the heat? Most times I arrive and walk in at night. It's still warm then; the biggest problem usually is dodging the rattlesnakes on the way in. 2) How do you feel about snakes? 3) Water: You can take some with you but at 8 lbs. a gallon you can only carry so much. Many plan on packing water in and stashing it in strategic places during the pre-season. I just take one of the water filters and like an animal, count on finding my own water then using the pump. 4) Do remember that you will be carrying a load. The idea is to go in as light as you can because you are planning on coming out with a load (bear meat, skull & hide). A wet freshly skinned bear hide can weigh over 50lbs. by itself! Traditionally the hunter carries the hide & skull out and often it is all that they can do to carry their original load, plus rifle, plus the hide & skull. 5) Shelter & bedding can be one of your heaviest items next to food & water. Tents are nice but heavy, the same with most sleeping bags. If I take a tent it is a tube tent. It weighs as much as a trash bag & takes about as much space. For bedding I take 2 or 3 space blankets, not the flimsy emergency ones but the real ones that have a real color on one side & are silver-colored on the other side. These things have space-aged technology and are great for a variety of purposes. They even show up on radar supposedly. Make a hip hole with your boot heel, fold one blanket in half length-wise and lay it on the ground. Then your lightweight foam pad. Keep your clothes on, lay down, place your hips in the hole, tuck the blanket under your feet, silver-side towards you and cover up. It works great and is so lightweight. 6) Food: I eat trail mix & take one can of ravioli per day I plan on being out plus one extra can. I eat the ravioli at night, cold. I don't bring a stove or fuel for the stove.

Other things to consider: Know the bear phone number, 1-800-970-BEAR. You have 48 hours to report your kill after a harvest. Bring a camera, an alarm clock, a beanie cap for the evenings. I use the space blanket for rain instead of a poncho. Don't forget game bags & rope. My pack is a freighter pack. They are made to pack out game. My bag is big enough that on elk I can usually pack out a front and rear quarter at the same time. Take enough rifle, know bear anatomy, take enough bullets and don't forget your tag! TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING and when you plan to return. If you do get in trouble or want to mark a location, those space blankets turned silver side up can be seen for a long way. Be careful and have fun. It is going to be an adventure! Again, go out during the pre-season and spend some nights out to get a feel for things. Predator calls will call in bears and other critters. Having a mountain lion tag on you in this Big, Wild, country is wise. Remember to pick a spot & I like to have hair in the scope on my 1st shot.

P.S. I am NOT an expert. I do have a bunch of pictures in my Bear Book & lots of slides also that I'm looking to convert to something else like power point but how? If you have questions I'll try to answer. I'll start bringing the Bear Book at the Aug. Monthly Meeting.
WARNING:HUNTING BEARS THIS WAY IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! Be Honest with yourself. ALSO BEAR HUNTING CAN BE ADDICTING!

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) and 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. See more on pages 2 of the 2017/2018 AZ. Hunt Regs. There are also some events for the ladies. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more info. Consider helping at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a PPCI member & often wear my PPCI T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked hunting.

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July – 18-Combo Elk & Pronghorn Antelope Hunting Seminar: Largest Hunting Seminar in Arizona! Corky Richardson will be teaching the tactics, tips & techniques for hunting elk w/bow or rifle. Also Antelope Seminar w/ Eli & Tony Grimmett teaching all aspects of antelope hunting. Both seminars going at the same time. Dinner, auctions, raffles, door prizes & many vendors! Non-perishable food donation, doors open 5:00p.m. Seminars at 6:00p.m. Location: Calvary Community Church 12612 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phx. Host: Christian Hunters of America, AES, Ruger, AZ Antelope. Information: Christianhuntersofamerica.org 602-309-3430 David M.

Aug. 11, 12, 13 – Predator Calling Boot Camp – George Knox Memorial: Youth, Adult & Family Beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, biology, other outdoor skill activities, food provided & camping. Location: Woods Canyon Lake Area, Vincent Ranch, Unit 4A. Host Phoenix Varmint Callers, AZ. Elk Society. Register: Ray Evridge at evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com

Sept. 8-10 – 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@wildlife.org

RESULTS OF THE PPCI 5-GUN RAFFLE

by Eddie M.

The PPCI 5-Gun Fund-Raising Raffle Drawing was held on May /?, 2017 up at our Annual Campout & Barbecue at Moqui Draw near the Blue Ridge ranger Station. There was one Club Member Winner & one guy at work (Daryl) that I probably sold the Ticket too. Many, Many, Thanks To All That Sold or Purchased a Raffle Ticket! Your Purchases Have Helped the Club! Here is a List of the Winners! 1st Place: Daryl D 2nd Place: Andy R 3rd Place: Joshua G 4th Place: Joe D 5th Place: Brent F.

Arizona Trappers Association Convention????

P.S. Concerning the Annual Arizona Trappers Association Convention usually held in late July, early Aug. where Miss Rodeo Arizona makes an appearance. I have not heard a word on if they are having it or not!?

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