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March marks the end of the yearly hunting season for most of us predator hunters. The upcoming Hunt on March 11-12 is the last organized Hunt of the 2016-2017 season. You 6-Month Hunt participants have until the end of the April Monthly Meeting to hunt & get your proofs turned in to the Hunt Chairman. During the upcoming Spring /Summer months most of us turn to other pursuits like turkey hunting, looking for shed antlers, fishing, etc. PNCI also schedules Family-Oriented Events for the whole family.

DO NOT FORGET our FUNDRAISER, the AWESOME 5-GUN RAFFLE that we have going on now! We really need as many Raffle Tickets as possible to be sold. Raffle Tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5 or 30 for \$20. Show your buyers the Ad on page 2 of this Newsletter to show what we have. Also, look at the Calendar of Events inside for upcoming Events. Cabela's has us scheduled for Predator Calling Seminars, there's the Big DCA Turkey Hunting Seminar & the AZ. Game & Fish Expo all happening in March! The PNCI CLUB ELECTIONS happen at the April Monthly Meeting. You must be a current PAID member to vote. I hope that you will consider running for the Officer and/or Board positions. You need 2 do 2 Meetings a month instead of just one & you help in the planning & direction of the Club. New Changes are coming, some good, some questionable, regardless you can be on the frontlines fighting for or against them. I hope that you have had a Good Season and accomplished some of your goals.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- \* You have a chance to make PNCI History? How? **PNCI** holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year. Club Nominations should be part of each Monthly Meeting until then. If you would like to run for an Officer and/or Board position or would like to nominate someone then please don't be shy, instead speak up & say something when this part of the Meeting is opened. ALL Officer & some Board positions are open. Win the election, go down in history. More inside.
- \* **PNCI** has a BRAND NEW EXCITING GUN RAFFLE! There are 5 Firearms in this Raffle & tickets start at ONLY \$1.00 each! There's more info. & pictures inside. Need NOT be present to win, Draw date in May.
- \* The March 11-12, 2017 Club Hunt will be the last organized **PNCI** Hunt of the 2016-2017 hunt season. This has traditionally been our 2nd Novice or Novice II Hunt. Who knows what the Hunt Chairman says?
- \* March 18-19-Saturday & Sunday **PNCI** members will be giving Predator Calling Seminars at Cabela's.
- \* Mar. 25-26 – Arizona Game & Fish Dept Outdoor Expo. Hours: Sat: 9-5 Sun: 10-4. **PNCI** will have a booth.
- \* The 6-Month Hunt Ends at the April Monthly Meeting. Turn in Proof of Kills to get credit for the season!
- \* The date of the 2017 **PNCI Campout & BBQ** is May 14-15. Location: Moqui Draw same as last year.
- \* To receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on your computer instead of on paper see Member Chair-James.



Steve L  
2016  
Presidents  
Award  
Recipient  
#1



Dan S.  
2016  
Presidents  
Award  
Recipient  
#2



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w/triple



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

Starting in January 2017 Your Phoenix Varmint Callers will be having another Fundraising Raffle! This Raffle will feature 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 some of these Raffle Tickets! They probably won't be too hard to sell with these prizes at these prices. The Drawing Date for this Raffle will be sometime in May. You Need Not Be Present To Win. Buying more than one Raffle Ticket will not only increase your odds of winning it will also increase your potential to win more than one prize! Multiple prizes have most certainly been won in the past. These Raffle Tickets were made available at the January Monthly Meeting.

The **First** prize is the Armalite Model DEF10 (AR10) 7.62X51 MM/.308 Matte Finish



Sugg. Retail Price: \$1049.00

The **Second** prize is a Marlin 1895 Guide Gun 45/70 is, Lever Action, Blue Finish, Walnut Stock



Sugg. Retail Price: \$750.32

The **Third** prize is a Ruger American Predator Rifle Cal 6.5 CreedMor w/Marksman Adjustable Triger



Sugg. Retail Price: \$529.00

The **Fourth prize** is a Ruger Action Predator Rifles caliber .22-250



Sugg. Retail Price: \$529.00

The **Fifth prize** is the Walther Arms Heckler & Koch Model H&K MP5 Caliber .22Long Rifle Black with Retractable Stock



Sugg. Retail Price: \$499.00

## ANNOUNCEMNTS:



Happy  
Birthday  
to  
Tim N.  
Feb.  
29th



Happy  
Birthday  
John T.  
April 1st



HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY  
to  
Ivan and Sara C.  
Married 9 years on  
April 14<sup>th</sup>!

## GOOD COYOTE DAY by Eddie M.

I originally joined the Club to learn to hunt predators. Way back when I was normal, there was an interest in hunting the hunters yet I didn't know how. I heard **PVCI** Member Lew Early calling at a **PVCI** Booth one Sunday & he literally called me to his table. I remember looking at him & cocking my head to the left & to the right & asked him, "So that is what it is supposed to sound like?" He made some comment & told me about the **PVCI** Meeting (back then at a Grade School on Indian School Rd.) I looked at his photo album & showed up at the Meeting where I joined that night. Why? The friendly atmosphere, an interesting topic & story plus there was a hunt coming and I could and did go, the Late Skip Avery asking me if I wanted to go hunt and if I did to paint my gun. He didn't know me from Adam yet there I was on a hunt with Skip & another novice. We slept on the ground that night had some whiskey and learned how to smoke up.

The reasons I stay in the Club now are many. The friends you make, the camaraderie & the mostly friendly competitions we have however the main reason is, like Skip did I try to help the new member get on his feet & show them how I hunt predators. Is it the best way? Probably not as I get beat quite regular anymore in the competitions however that's prone to happen when you have new members on your team & like Skip I always try to have at least one.

I met Chris B. at one of our Monthly Meetings. He was new, so like I do I probably went over & shook his hand saying my name. Then I probably gave him a photo album showing what has happen to me & others & can happen to you. I like to hunt the Club Hunts and may ask you if you want to go even if I don't know you. Some have this hang up with only hunting with people they know when it concerns guns. I am NOT one of those people. The first couple of times I believe he had other plans. Eventually we did go out for one day & saw one coyote. At least he knew what to do now.

Finally, a Club Hunt with Chris B., Tim N. and I. We left early in the morning & drove to our destination. We stopped & got dressed and ready, then drove to our 1st calling location. Since I drove I had the first stand. I placed Tim downwind, Chris upwind & I am off to the side. The conditions are fairly quiet so I opt to use my high-pitched cottontail call that has worked here & there. Oh probably 7 minutes go by and I catch movement! A coyote is coming in on my left side! When it gets behind some thick brush I get the shotgun up. Did it catch the movement? The coyote continues running on my left side, 30 yards out. I swing & shoot, BOOM, just as it crosses where it would go behind me if it was closer. Well I either got him or I didn't & get back on the call. I'm calling & pausing, calling & pausing. In one of the pauses a 2nd coyote comes slowly sneaking out of the brush from the same place that the 1st coyote came from. It is very cautious and takes very slow steps, then looks & repeats this several times. I do a closed-mouth burp & the coyote looks my way and then turns its head to look away. The shotgun is up, my cheek is on the stock and the bead is on the coyote. I pull the trigger, CLICK! What! I cycle the pump and the coyote actually starts running towards me. Click again! It wasn't until I reached for a shell in my pocket that the coyote ran away. I call for a few more minutes then end the stand. My teammates walk over & I explain what just happen as I walk to check my 1st shot. There is one coyote lying on the ground, I did get him. We are on the Board with one! Oh we should have had two. I'd only put one shell in the shotgun.

Chris B. has a Good Sound when he calls. I have told him if we ever have a Calling Contest again (remember those?) that he should enter. He is up next & I split the upwind with him & Tim each taking the front & some side while I watched the downwind. Chris had only been calling 2 or 3 minutes when the shots started ringing out. What I believe happen is that a coyote came in that Tim knocked down. Then one came in to Chris that he wounded & emptied his shotgun on. He was out & said so. Then Tim started shooting at it also & the coyote ran off. In the meantime, a coyote came in from downwind in front of me that I shot & dropped. I tied a red bandanna high up on a bush where my coyote was & went to help search for the coyote that had run off. It took a bit but we did find it. Chris had called in a triple & all 3 were on the ground! We now had 4 on the Board! Both Tim & Chris B. each went on to call in & kill one more coyote each that day! We returned home that night for the Birthday Party of a 10year old girl named Saige, Russ's daughter & ended the Hunt with 6 coyotes for 3rd Place. Chris now had 4 coyotes on the books & needed one more for a 5-Pin. He has since surpassed that.



## (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.



**\*\*\* NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR PVCI OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS\*\*\***

### **YOU CAN MAKE PVCI HISTORY? (CLUB ELECTIONS IN APRIL) by Eddie M.**

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

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

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

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

**Recording Secretary:** Accurately records all club minutes at both the regular and board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date and place and time of the meeting, a list of the officers and directors present plus any motions or amendments. Keeps this record in a safe place and can 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 5 officer positions are 1-year terms.

**I tried to be as short & through as I could. To view a complete list of Officer & Board of Director Duties, look at your Club Handbook located on PVCI Website <http://www.pvci.org>**

## APC/KARA'S JUNIOR JAVELINA /SMALL GAME/PREDATOR CAMP by Eddie M.

I recently went to volunteer & give a helping hand at one of the Junior Javelina Camps that were going on in the state (there were 2 of them). I chose the APC Camp that Kara had mostly because I've known her over the years (she's good people) plus since I had a free weekend it might be a chance to possibly make a difference to someone in introducing them to something new. Also to me this was part of the Partnership that Steve C. and Ray E. had talked about where the different Clubs, the AZ. Turkey Federation, the AZ. Elk Society, Kara is an AZ. Predator Caller, etc. all help each other on Events just like this one. I decided to do this on the spur of the moment & did not register on-line, something that everyone who is going to help at one of these Events should do. I also went completely by my memory & faith finding my way to the Camp. Since I have no cell phone & pay phones seem to be very hard to find anymore there was no way to call or look up where the Camp was located instead pure memory was used on the what/where Camp was located from reading at work.

The Event was scheduled for Friday, Saturday & Sunday & after work Friday I headed towards the Camp but was so sleepy a place to sleep for the night had to be found. Next morning I arrived just as everyone was headed out for the morning Hunt. I said Hi to Kara & the Breakfast (Red Mtn. Outfitters) Crew & told her I was here to help. She told me that 3 Javelina had come in on Friday, that all the groups were gone for the morning & to grab some Breakfast. Lunch was at Noon & she was going to get some sleep. Since I was unfamiliar with the area, I went to do some hunting & scout the area. I saw bobcat & coyote tracks in the washes & thus did some predator stands. I also saw 5 rabbits, missing a jackrabbit & killing a cottontail. Returning before Lunch I joined the crowd, saw the skinning rack, thought about it & tied the cottontail to the rack with some paracord. The rabbit was then cleaned while a good crowd looked on. I received many thanks from the adults for the cleaning demo. Then we ate Lunch. After Lunch the AZ. Game & Fish guys came in with a Javelina that they had helped one of the youth find. One explained that he was going to butcher the Javelina using the gutless method & that if anyone wanted to watch to come on over. That also drew a crowd & I learned how to get the tenderloins out without gutting the critter. Then I talked to one of the Dad's that had been out with one of the other Mentor's that morning & had no action. The Dad had 2 sons, Max & Alex that had never been hunting. Dad use to hunt years ago back in Pennsylvania but had stopped since marriage/kids. He wanted his sons to experience what hunting was like so he'd brought them here hoping to get into small game. Since I'd seen some small game we agreed to hunt that afternoon. Then another kid with a Javelina showed up in camp & there was a story of a girl who had missed one.

Well Dad, Alex & I went out that afternoon (Max was asleep) & we all had action & got shots at rabbits but didn't kill any. Alex had gym shoes on which I warned him about as far as cactus. He learned not to wear gym shoes in the field the hard way by getting stuck a few times. Still when we were back at the truck he said, "That was Fun." Referring to the hunt action we'd had. I of course also brought up predator calling. Back at camp there were 3 jackrabbits on the skinning rack & the other mentors & I helped show the hunters how to clean them. That night Dinner was good & afterwards Kara had a drawing where all the youth received 2 or 3 prizes each! I can remember one of the young girls running up to her father almost shouting, "I won a knife, I won a knife!" She was so happy! Then she won something else! This Dad had 2 young girls in Camp & drove from Calif. I took their picture and e-mailed it to him when I got back to work. He was very thankful.



The next morning Dad, Alex, Max & I all went out to hunt small game. As there were 4 hunters & only 3 guns, I gave up my shotgun to Dad. We separated with Dad & Max going one way & Alex & myself the other. Alex, who had on boots this time right away missed 2 shots at a close jackrabbit that jumped up right at his feet. We continued to have action while the other side had none. When we met at our spot, Alex only had 3 shells left (16ga.) We stayed together then & soon after Dad killed a jackrabbit! Then we got into some quail. Max got shots. Eventually I got Alex on a jackrabbit that he also killed. The Camp was a Great Success with many happy kids & parents! This is what these Camps are all about & I encourage you to help out whenever you can. There are also Camps for predators, deer, elk, turkey, dove, etc.

## 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. You need NOT be a member to participate. The Raffle Drawing is usually held that evening and some Lucky Person wins!!! All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check. If you win Steve L. (the guy selling the Gun Raffle tickets) will call you and tell you where & when you can pick up your firearm. The Gun for January will be a Legacy Arms 12ga. Home Defense Shotgun  
The Gun for February will be a Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmor, Camo w/ 3x9 Scope. Somebody is going to WIN! Good Luck!



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

\*\*\*Just a reminder that the Day Long Shooting Hours Season or Night Hunting is OPEN in certain Hunt Units for coyotes ONLY from Dec 1, 2015 to **May 31, 2017**. Coyotes may be taken at night with an artificial light however the light may NOT be attached to or operated from a vehicle. Also NO electronic night-vision equipment, thermal imaging devices, etc. may be used or even possessed. Read & understand the Hunt Regs. (page 82) & know the open Hunt Units before you go hunt. I believe it is shotgun only for coyotes? Mountain Lion Day Long Seasons or Night Hunting are also OPEN in many Hunt Units until June 30, 2017! Both rifles & shotguns can be used on mountain lions. Check Regs!

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

**Mar. 3-4** - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Tucson. 555 n. Greasewood Road. (520)828-5376.

**Mar. 7** – This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 3720 W. Greenway Road, Phx.) 7:00p.m.

**Mar. 11-12** – PVCI Monthly Hunt. This is typically our 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice Hunt & the teams MUST have a Novice to qualify. We will have to see what the Hunt Chairman decides? This is also the last organized Club Hunt for the 2016-2017 seasons.

**Mar. 16** - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Talk with PVCI Board of Directors, 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx. 7:00p.m.

???? Do You Want A Fur Prep Day. Talk with PVCI Board of Directors at the Monthly Meetings.

**March 18-19-Saturday&Sunday** PVCI members will be giving Predator Calling Seminars at Cabela's from 11am to 1pm.

**Mar. 21** – DCA Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free seminar with Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting w/ both archery & shotgun techniques. Raffles, door prizes & vendors. Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Phx, AZ. 85023. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. **PVCI will have a booth here. Volunteers needed.**

Mar. 23-26-International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at West World in Scottsdale, AZ. 1660 N. Pima Road. Enter \$14-Park \$5.

Mar. 24 – Spring Bear Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 25-26-AZ. Game & Fish Dept. Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Range. **PVCI 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx.) 7:00p.m. **Club Elections held.**

Also, the 6-Month Hunt ends. All proofs-of-kills for the 2016-2017 season need to be turned in by the end of this Meeting.

April 7-8 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix. (Hunt Orders)

**April 20**-This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting, 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx. 7:00p.m.

April 21 – Hunt-Permit Tags and/or refunds for 2017 Antelope & Elk should be mailed out by now.

April 28 & May 5 – Arizona Early & Late Spring Turkey Season opener dates. Check your Hunt Regs.

**May 20-21**-PVCI Annual Campout & Barbecue. Moqui Draw, the same place as last year. Map & more info. next issue.

**\*\*\*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 Chairman James S. 602-820-5142. YOUR RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!** PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 123  
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

## UPCOMING EVENTS: CABELA'S PREDATOR HUNTING SEMINARS – MARCH 18-19, 2017

March 18-19 Saturday & Sunday, **PVCI members will be giving Predator Calling Seminars at Cabela's** from 11am to 1pm. Not entirely sure where in Cabela's however the Seminars are usually given upstairs in the classrooms next to the Bargain Cave. We may also have a **PVCI Booth** either downstairs or outside? Volunteers are needed. To volunteer to work the booth or help with the Seminars e-mail: [terrythemudman@email.com](mailto:terrythemudman@email.com) Remember that if you help at Cabela's you will receive an employee discount for the day plus I believe it is \$10 towards lunch.

## (This is a BIG ONE!) TURKEY HUNTING SEMINAR - DCA MARCH 21

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. 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.desertchristianarchers.org) **PVCI will have a booth at this Event** volunteers needed, e-mail in above story.

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO (ISE) – MARCH 23-26 2017

March 23-26, 2017

**Location: WEST WORLD of SCOTTSDALE**

**1660 N. Pima Road**

**Scottsdale, AZ. 85260**

Adult Admission - \$14.00 Youth under 16 Free!

Parking \$5.00 per car

Times 10AM to 7PM

No Pets/ No Weapons or Ammo

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year at West World of Scottsdale (17<sup>th</sup> in Arizona). If you came last year you saw how the show had grown. Really, really grown! More fun features for the entire family. New hands-on activities. More boats and RV's of all sizes and styles. And more exhibits also---gear, guides, destinations and services for the hunter, angler, camper, boater, off-roader, RVer, pretty much any outdoor enthusiast. For 2017, it's all back---Join us!!!

## **ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOOR EXPO – MARCH 26-27, 2017**

This year's Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 25-26, 2017 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](http://www.azgfd.gov/expo)

## DVD REVIEW BOB BREHARDT CAGE TRAPPING by Eddie M.

If you do any cage trapping, then you will probably enjoy this DVD. Bob B. & Renee G. catch a LOT of critters in their traps & do it in an entertaining style. All of the trapping is done here in Arizona. One aspect that I like is you see where they place their traps. How does this relate to where you place your traps? There's also a DVD trapping in NC & PA.

They are also on Facebook.

**ARIZONA CAGE TRAPPING**  
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## SPRING GOBBLER HUNT- THE TIME IS GETTING CLOSE!

by Eddie M.

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! For many, many outdoors people this is the most exciting sound that they will hear in the woods come springtime, the sound of a wild turkey gobbler gobbling to attract female hen turkeys to his location. You see in the wild turkey world, breeding season comes around but one time a year, in the spring. Yet unlike many other critters the female (hen) is attracted to & goes to the male turkey (gobbler) by the sound of his gobble. In other words, if a gobbler wants to attract & breed hens, he'd better gobble & since there are usually multiple gobblers in the woods gobbling also, he'd better be loud! Now when we call to turkeys we usually make sounds like a hen however to be successful **we must reverse nature & fool the gobbler** into coming to us.

It was the evening of day three of the season. So far, it'd been a tough hunt. The gobblers were henned up meaning that they were only gobbling for a very short time in the morning (until the hens got there). Then they would shut up & stay with the hens all day or if one did keep gobbling, once out of the tree & on the ground, if you followed & called to him, he might answer you back however he & the hens would keep walking away from you, the hens not wanting to share. It was either that or the mornings and/or evenings were quiet. Camp was a little discouraged. To me a gobbler's greatest friend is distance. They can be gobbling their heads off however if you are too far away to hear them then you won't. A gobbler's 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest friend is the wind mostly for the same reason, you can't hear them. My tactic under these circumstances is to get out & find some different places. My theory being that somewhere on the mountain, there is a gobbler gobbling his head off with no hens close by & he will usually be very interested in your hen calling. I was out now in a different place trying to roost or locate a gobbler that was gobbling. I'd seen some J-shaped gobbler droppings & tracks earlier in the day along with some popcorn-shaped hen droppings & knew that there were turkeys in the area somewhere. There was a BIG Burn on the right side of the road yet quite a bit of good habitat on my left side. After hearing the gobbles, I silently closed the distance & actually saw the gobbler (no hens) cross the road from the burn to the good habitat in the distance. He gobbled some more & disappeared into the tree line headed for his roost in one of the many trees around. I closed the distance again & half-heartedly tried to call the bird in but to no avail. He flew up into a tree & gobbled into the dark. I quit calling when I heard him fly up & tried my best to pinpoint the area he might be in, then walked back to the road & marked both where I wanted to park my truck & where I wanted to head into the trees the next morning. My goal had been accomplished. I had a place to start in the morning.

I woke up at 3:00AM the next morning & gobbled with my voice to wake up the other hunters in camp. Soon the lanterns were glowing. We talked briefly, some eating breakfast, others drinking coffee & then one by one, sometimes two, we were off like the spokes of a tire each person or group going to a different location to hunt. I had over 10 miles to drive plus a walk into the area to get to what I thought was close to the gobbler all before it got light enough to see. I finally reached the road, found my markers, parked & marked the truck, then strapped on my canteen & fanny pack, loaded the shotgun & headed in the dark towards where I thought the gobbler was roosted. My goal, to get close (80-120 yards) to the gobbler's location & find a suitable tree to sit at before it got light. Why? The gobbler was roosted high up in a very tall tree & would start gobbling before light to attract hens. Once it got light he would also be listening & watching for approaching hens or predators before he flew down. You can see a lot from up high & if something isn't right he will shut up & either fly down later or to a different area. There he's gobbling now! It's still somewhat dark however so I can adjust my walk & get closer. Now I can see the tall tree he might be in. If I can see it perhaps he can see me, better pick a tree soon. Got it, now get in position, put the diaphragm call in the mouth and take the aluminum slate out. He's gobbling again & again. Wait, wait & now let's try a single cluck. Instant gobble, he heard me! Now a very light yelp or tree call to tell him there's a hen in the area. Oh, listen to him gobble now however we stay quiet. To pour the hen talk on now might make him stay in the tree longer looking for you, so we we'll stay quiet & let him think, "Where did she go?" There's more gobbling, then the pitch changes as he flies out of the tree to the ground. There is silence. The next gobble is further away so on the slate we Cluck, cluck, purr, cluck & yelp. Then we scratch the leaves & cluck again, then do a yelp & cluck w/more leaf scratching. The gobbler turns & is on the way! You can tell because his gobbling is getting closer & closer! You scratch the leaves & cluck & purr again then hide the slate between you & the tree & raise your shotgun where you think he'll show. The gobbler comes into view, beautiful, big & all fanned out! He gobbles again, (man are they loud) looking & getting suspicious, where is she? That's when you give a couple clucks with your diaphragm. He hears & comes closer, then fans out again! He's so close you can hear the drumming. Concentrate, get your cheek on the stock & put the bead on his neck (not the head, it moves too much) about halfway down. Squeeze the trigger, BOOM! You got him! This is the way it is supposed to happen! Good Luck on your hunt!



**P.S. To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter e-mail Scott B. at [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto:coyotecaller@cox.net)**

# **SB-8811 BILL TO BAN BOBCAT & MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING ON THE BOOKS??**

**(It would list them as an endangered species)**

Senator Steve Farley D from Tucson had introduced this Bill. If it was allowed to pass it would have re-written the AZ. Game & Fish Dept. & potentially remove both mountain lions and bobcats from being hunted as legal game. I have heard through the grapevine that the Bill is not going anywhere.

## **FUR PREP DAY- To Be Determined, 2017**

**What:** Fur Prep Day is a day that has been set aside by **PVCI** to put up or prepare the furs that were donated to the **PVCI** Fur Program and get them ready for either the Fur Sale or the Tannery. **PVCI** has fleshing boards, wire stretchers, fleshing knives, sewing needles, etc. already in the locker although you are encouraged to bring your own tools. **If you have ANY interest at all in learning how to get a fur pelt ready for sale or the tannery, then this is an EXCELLENT time to learn.** **PVCI** will provide lunch to those that show. Also, generally members that donate fur & help on this day receive a price break once the pelts are brought back from the tannery. If you have some pelts you want to work on yourself, bring them too.

**When:** The work usually starts at 8:00 A.M. Remember **PVCI** provides lunch.

**How:** Take out your frozen furs the night before and begin to thaw them out. Floating the freezer bag in water really seems to help. Then get over to Scott's house. The more members, the faster the work goes. Make no mistake this is work but it is fun and very rewarding. Hope to see you there. Really hope to see you there and most members **donate their furs** to the Club although you can work on and keep your own furs also. If you want the Club to ship your furs to the Tannery, you will need to pay the tanning fee plus shipping & handling to get your fur back. One way to identify your fur is to put a colored cable tie through the eye.

**Directions to Fur Prep Location:** We don't really want a map of the place in the Newsletter or online so **PVCI** will provide date, time, location, phone number & there might also be a map to the location at a **PVCI** Monthly Meeting at **3720 W. Greenway Road/Phoenix, AZ.** **Ask Your Board Members for Details!!!!**

## **PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS:** by Eddie M.

Well I feel like I must apologize for having only one Hunt Report so far this 2016-2017 season. Unlike past years the current Hunt Chairman has a new policy that he adopted where he keeps the Hunt Results to himself and then reveals the results at the Monthly Meeting. This has made it harder to keep current. Here are the Hunt Results of the last few months.

### **OCTOBER MONTHLY HUNT:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Craig B., Chuck D., Wayne W.      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Eddie M., Tim N.      **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Hawk S. & Kyle G.  
**Total:** 3 coyotes      **Total:** 1 coyote, 1 gray fox      **Total:** 1 coyote

### **NOVEMBER MONTHLY HUNT:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Craig B., Chuck D., Wayne W.      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ken E., Mike F., Chris B.      **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Eddie M., Tim N., Chris B.  
**Total:** 10 coyotes      **Total:** 7 coyotes      **Total:** 6 coyotes

**PIN PROGRAM:** We have also had some Pin Program Recipients. Here is what I have:

Nathan – 1 bobcat, Craig B. – 300 coyotes, Chris B. – 50 coyotes, Tim N. - 20 coyotes and Mark S. – 5 coyotes and 1 bobcat. Be sure that you join the Pin Program. The cost is a one-time fee of \$10 & is good for as long as you stay a current member. This Program awards you pins for accomplishing certain goals in your Predator Calling Career. See your Member Handbook for a current list.

**\*\*\* MULTI-CLUB HUNT RESULTS:** **PVCI** took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Multi-Club Hunt. We had 4 or 5 coyotes on the ground however we also had 4 coyotes show up after the cut-off time which were disqualified. The Xtreme Predator Callers took 1<sup>st</sup> Place. They had 1 mountain lion amongst their other critters which pretty much cinched it for them. Strangely APC had only 1 coyote for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. We can do better.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Xtreme Predator Callers:** 1 mountain lion, 12 foxes, 3 or 4 coyotes **Phoenix Varmint Callers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 5 coyotes **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Arizona Predator Callers:** 1 coyote

## 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. Look on pages 24-28 of the 2016/2017 AZ. Hunt Regs. You'll note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills) for more information. Consider helping out at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a 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.

**March 10-12 – Junior Jack Kamp:** Recent Hunter Ed graduate youth hunters learn about Jackrabbit biology/hunting. Hunt skills taught include skinning, harvesting & cooking jackrabbit meat. Free, meals provided. Location: Southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A. Host: SCI-AZ Chapter, NWTF, AZGFD. Register: Karen Klima, [kklima@az.gfd.gov](mailto:kklima@az.gfd.gov)

**March 21-Turkey Hunting Seminar-DCA:** Free seminar with Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting archery & shotgun techniques. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds. Raffles, door prizes, vendors. Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.desertchristianarchers.org) **PPCI will have a booth at this Event need volunteer**

**April 20-23-Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial:** Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities & camping. Meals provided. Location: Happy Jack Area: Units 6A, 5A, 5B. Host: NWTF, AZ Wildlife Federation, OE4A, Xtreme Predator Callers. Register: Tim Denny, [longbeardsaz@gmail.com](mailto:longbeardsaz@gmail.com) **April 20-23 – Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial:**

Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping & food. Locations: 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](mailto:azgobbler@gmail.com) **April 20-23-Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Units 1/27 Marvin Robbins Memorial:** Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping & food. Location: White Mountains Area Unit 1, 27. Host: Youth Outdoors Unlimited., NWTF, AZGFD, AZ& Rocky Mtn. Elk Society. Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

**April 21-23- Becoming An Outdoors Woman:** Workshop for adult women (18 & older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in fun environment including sessions in fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, camping, GPS and more are offered. Classes in the day, evenings for entertainment, socializing, fun. Fee required include lodging & meals. Location: Friendly Pines Camp in Prescott. Host: AZ. Wildlife Federation. Info: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org) click on Education/BOW. Register at 480-644-0077 or [awf@azwildlif.org](mailto:awf@azwildlif.org)

## HUNTING PICS



**Jim K. Congratulates Brent F. on His New Mexico Barbary Sheep!!!**



**Chris H Holding Gray Fox!**



**Tim N. Holding Coyote He Called & Shot While Preston Looks On!!!**

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