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Presidents Message!

It's cooling down and the furs are getting full. Get out there and enjoy your time in the outdoors with some friends and family. What's coming up? Our very first "Disabled Veterans Predator Hunt" and we will have lots of pics and stories to tell. Next will be the Christmas Party our largest fundraisers of the year and a chance to see everyone before we bring in the new year.

THINGS TO KNOW:

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

***The PPCI Christmas Party will be Dec. 6th, 2017 at 6822 N. 57th Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29 in Glendale, AZ.** our **NEW** regular Monthly Meeting place. **The Christmas Party** will take the place of the regular Meeting. *This is a Potluck affair; please bring a dish or dessert. The entry fee is at least one can of food or water per person.* More detail Inside.

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

****PPCI MEMBERS do set aside one Saturday in January for the MULTI-CLUB HUNT. This Hunt pits our Club against the other predator-calling clubs in the state for bragging rights as to who is the BEST! If you hunt no other Hunt all year, please hunt this one day! We'll let you know what day & where the check-in location is when we find out.**

*****Do consider attending some of the AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meetings especially since the ballot initiative to ban the hunting of mountain lions, bobcats is HERE. Bobcats & mountain lions are not in any danger whatsoever anywhere in the West (including Az.). More than one voice needs to be present to be against the anti's should they speak at these Meetings.**

****To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: coyotecaller@cox.net Share your stories/pictures, tips, recipes, etc. with us. We'd like to read them. These articles don't have to be about predators.**



Tommy M. w/ 1st Bear



Member w/2017 Archery Bull



Mark S. with Coyote

RAY E. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

by Eddie M.

As many of you know we just lost one of our most active members back on Sept. 3rd 2017. Ray E. was a Lot of things to a Lot of people, Husband, Father, Hunter, PPCI Member, Mentor, Volunteer, Survivalist, Cook, Knife Maker, & Loud. Though he was hard on some people, he was also a Good Dude with a Good Heart. Ray had a Lot of Irons in the Fire. That is a way of saying that he had a Lot going on as most people that are Active do. He was one of the key figures on our side in talking about & working in the Partnerships between the Clubs like the Arizona Elk Society (AES), Arizona Wild Turkey Federation (AZWTF), etc. when it comes to the Youth & other Outdoor Sponsored Camps that we all help each other do along with the AZGFD. One of his last Projects was to have a PPCI Predator Hunt for Wounded Veterans. He and PPCI were working on this in coordination with the AES Hunt for Heroes on taking out 4 wounded veterans on a weekend predator hunt. Read what I know about his Project below.

Ray's passing happened just before the last Newsletter came out. This Newsletter only comes out every 2 months & yes even though we went to his Celebration of Life & AES had the Raffle & many of us have said Good-Bye or See You Later, etc. I thought that in this last hard copy Newsletter, that Ray never read (smile) to include just a few pictures that I have taken over the years & share them in here one more time. Some of these you may have seen at the Memorial. Ray really did Sooo Much, many of you have no idea. He will Really Be MISSED! I hope that this is Respectful.



WOUNDED VETERAN PREDATOR HUNT

Okay here is what I know or think I know about one of Ray's latest Projects. The PPCI Wounded Veteran Predator Hunt was in coordination with the Arizona Elk Society (AES) Hunts for Heroes. They were looking at the dates of Nov. 10, 11 and 12, they were hoping to take out 4 wounded veterans and it is going to be limited to 20 people in Camp total. If you are a PPCI member that would have liked to have helped had you known, do not despair. There will hopefully be more opportunity in the future. PPCI in conjunction with AES must go through & work out the kinks on this first project process. Hopefully this Hunt will happen & there will be some pictures to share. I wish I knew more. There is a website:

www.arizonaelksociety.org/pci-wounded-veteran-predator-hunt

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THE STORY OF MY FIRST BEAR

by Tommy M.

I signed up for the Monthly Club Hunt last weekend as I was going on the General Bear Hunt. I saw a bear late Saturday, 800 yards away and too late to go after. It looked back at me for a moment when I turned up the caller volume but still walked away. Then it stood up at a juniper tree eating berries. Then it climbed the tree and went around the top like a squirrel and ate for 25 minutes! Wish I could have recorded that.

I came back to the same spot the next day before first light and set up my e-caller with Jackrabbit Distress sounds. As dawn was breaking, my attention was diverted, and I was gassing the hillsides, just looking around. When I put the binos down, I realized that the bear was below me in the middle of the meadow. He was stopped, nose in the air, looking around. Then he cautiously walked over to the bush where the caller was, did a U-turn & started heading back to the thickets. I already had my scope on him and I knew he was about to bail out of there. He stopped on the way to the edge of the meadow, so I aimed and fired! He took off like a scalded cat and dove into the thickets at the edge of a deep creek bed! I went down to look for blood, finding none. I thought I missed it somehow, but it was less than a 100-yard shot. I was bummed!

Anyway, I had to check it out more, so into the thickets I went, down to the creek bottom. I quickly found some

blood spots, followed some drops about 20 yards and there he was, piled up! My first bear!

He was a real tank, big head, little ears, huge paws and a beautiful chocolate colored hide. I had to drag him to some shade; it was all I could do to drag him a few inches at a time. After field-dressing him I discovered that I had double-lunged him. He still ran 60 yards!

I went to find these two other hunters camped near me who offered to help if I got one down. The 3 of us could barely move that bear. It took us over an hour to get it out of that ditch. We doubled up a tarp under him and then used the winch from my Ranger, plus a large strap to wrap around the tarp and the shoulders of the bear. Those guys guided the bear up the hill while I operated the winch. Then we loaded him in my Ranger and drove to camp. They helped to get it hung in an oak tree in the shade. I spent the rest of the day and most of the evening skinning and quartering it. Then I got it packed on ice in the coolers. Man, talk about exhausted however very rewarding!!! Those two guys really helped! Otherwise I would have had to skin and quarter the bear in the creek bed then pack it out. That might have been an all-nighter! Too bad I couldn't have taken this bear on Saturday so that could have made the Club check-in on Sunday. I might have gotten first place!



TIPS: The late Reed Peterson who founded the Mesa Varmint Callers called in over 100 bears using a rabbit distress. The fawn and/or goat distress should also work. I would probably stay away from the bird distress calls. The bear cub distress could also work however too much chance of calling a sow or female bear in. When the female limit is reached the units are shut down. You have 48 hours to report your kill. 1-800-970-BEAR is the toll-free number. **Keep the proof-of-sex attached to the hide. If freezing the hide, freeze so the proof of sex can be seen and open the jaws on the skull. AZ Game & Fish will want to physically examine the bear within 10 days and will extract a tooth.** Measure the girth of your bear directly behind the front shoulders. Compare your measurement to the chest chart in a good bear book for a pretty accurate weight of the bear.

ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

If you have Business Cards, you want included please give a copy to Eddie M. or Scott B. at the Club monthly Meetings.

To contribute stories, pictures, sale items, etc. to this Newsletter Send Them to: coyotecaller@cox.net

SOUTHWEST FUR HARVESTERS RENDEVOUS REPORT

by Eddie M.



The Southwest Fur Harvesters held their Annual Fund-Raising Rendezvous recently up in the cool pines above Camp Verde, AZ. on the weekend of September 23-24, 2017. This Great Organization goes all out in trying to share the knowledge on being better in what you do when it comes to taking predators and other furbearers. The crowd, though just a little smaller than usual this year was treated to some fine seminars on trapping w/both leg-hold and cage traps, using trail cameras & predator calling tips & tricks. The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. led by our Predator & Fur biologist April also had their share of seminars including improving the bobcat jaw process, some mountain lion hunt changes, rabies and the Inoculation Program plus they talked about the hunter/rancher/ Game & Fish relationships and some of the Adopt-A-Ranch & other Access Programs plus some Mapping information.

There were also some trapping & calling supplies for sale, including trapping lures; cage traps, fleshing knives, etc., and a Silent Auction on various items plus a Raffle Giveaway. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner were also given. Many future trappers (including some Youth) stayed over for the Trappers Course that was being given on Sunday. You must take and pass the Trappers Course before you can be given a Trappers License in Arizona. Thanks to all those that came to support the SWFH and their Rendezvous. This is their Main Fund-Raiser for the Year.

*It was good to see some interested Youth at this & other Events! Youth that like you & I are interested in the Outdoors and want to participate in activities such as trapping & predator calling and that don't have their nose buried in some video game or computer. Youth that are not strangers to that yellow ball in the sky (the Sun) & wonder what it is? **IT IS A DARN SHAME THAT THERE ARE SOME SO-CALLED ANIMAL LOVERS THAT BECAUSE THEY LIKE CERTAIN CRITTERS & CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF SEEING ANY CRITTER BEING KILLED (BECAUSE IT WILL HURT THEIR EMOTIONS) THAT ACTUALLY WANT TO TAKE AWAY THE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE, FISHING, HUNTING, HOUNDS, TRAPPING FROM THESE YOUTHS AND FROM YOU & ME!** As they throw their chicken bones away in the trash after lunch and feed their pets Blue Diamond Dog Food (MEAT)! Because they do their hunting in a grocery-store where it all comes wrapped up in a package & all they have to do is buy it & cook it. Many have absolutely no concept of where fish & meat & even veggies for some come from. They think that if you must shoot the animal it is bad. Farm animals born to die like a cow or chicken for their consumption are okay, just don't tell them how they die. Also because they don't wear fur no one should! **GIVE ME A BREAK! For you to live in his world, something, be it plant, or animal will have to die.** What we do is Healthy & Good for the Soul!

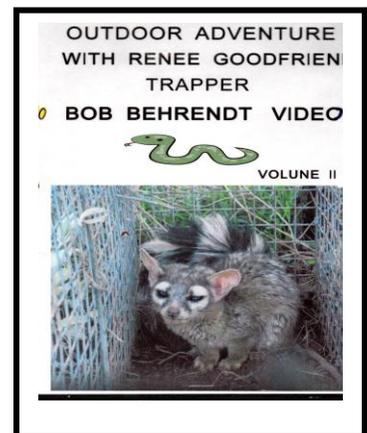
****OTHER OPPURTUNITIES TO LEARN TO TRAP: YOUTH TRAPPERS ED & CAMPOUT Nov. 10-12**
3-Day Event teaching the Trapper's Education Course with an actual trapping session for kids & adults alike. Demos of skinning, fleshing, stretching & using foot-hold traps (private lands) and cage traps (public lands). Primitive camping available, porta potties and food provided. Kids are free. Location: Chauncey Ranch in Mayer, AZ. Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters. Register: Bob Rhoton brhoton@gmail.com, www.southwestfurharvesters.com

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PROPOSITION TO STOP Mountain Lion & Bobcat Hunting- THIS IS ONLY THE 1st STEP!

Arizonans for Wildlife Chairperson & Head of the HUSUS Kellye Pinkerton has submitted an application for an Initiative Petition to ban the hunting & trapping of mountain lions, bobcats & other large cats in Arizona. The petition briefly states: Bobcats, mountain lions, lynx, jaguars and ocelots, defined in this measure as “wild cats” have significant ecological value and these vulnerable animals should be shielded from trophy hunters looking to kill them for their heads and fur. This Measure protects these species by prohibiting needless killing and injuring of wild cats by shooting, trapping, using packs of hounds or other inhumane methods. The measure authorizes exceptions for killing wild cats that threaten personal safety, property or livestock. The Measure also allows for conservation activities by researchers, zoos and rehabilitation facilities.

Arizonans for Wildlife will be circulating petitions to get this measure on the ballot in November 2018. They will need only 150,642 valid signatures by July 5, 2018 to make this onto the ballot. The Humane Society of the United States is working on this Initiative with the Arizonans for Wildlife, lending their support and significant funds in an effort to ban lion hunting. AZ for Wildlife has a Facebook site where you can go to voice your opinion on this effort to ban hunting in Arizona. Believe me when I say that Lions are merely the first step. Tell anyone you know AVOID signing this petition!

WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO STOP MY HUNTING???

Hi I am an up & coming Youth Hunter. For years I have read about hunting in Outdoor Life & Hunting Magazine. I have dreamed about going on hunts for deer, elk, bears, mountain lions & turkeys. Growing up my Dad had me take a Hunter-Safety Course. I really learned a lot. We went to a Small Game Youth Camp and I learned how to hunt rabbit & quail and shot some! Then came squirrel hunting & that is also fun! I was finally able to go on a Big-Game hunt and shot both a javelina and cow elk the same year! I learned how to hunt elk at another Youth Camp. My Dad & I went to the Trappers Camp over at Chauncey Ranch. I passed the Trappers Course and we both set some traps. It was hard to go to sleep that night. My Dad called it anticipation. I couldn't wait to check the traps. The next morning when we went to check them, Dad caught nothing however I caught a fox!!! I also have an uncle that has hounds that chase bears & mountain lions. The hounds love what they do so much! We went on a mountain lion hunt. Dad said that some people think it is easy & unfair to chase a mountain lion with hounds. Well those people have no idea what they are talking about. Following the hounds after a lion was by far the toughest hunt I have ever been on! Mountain lions live in very rough country & when they are chased they go to even rougher country! It took us 3 tough hunts before I saw my 1st lion & then we let her go because it was not a big tom cat. The toms will try to kill any kitten every time should they run across them even if defended by mom. Another myth my uncle told me was that a mountain lion will only kill about 1 deer a week. Maybe in books he said, here in the real outdoors mountain lions often kill as the opportunity presents itself & they don't always eat them either.

My uncle said that some lady wants to ban the hunting of wild cats in Arizona? He said that bobcats & mountain lions are not in any danger whatsoever anywhere & are even increasing in many parts of the West including Az. The term wildcat includes lynx, jaguars & ocelots. There are no lynx in AZ. & jaguars & ocelots are already federally protected. This Initiative is a Real Threat to his way of life and his hounds, a way of life that has gone on for years and, yet the cat populations are not adversely affected at all! Not every critter that is born is going to live. Some are going to die; it is Mother Nature's Way to remove some of the surplus. Hunting does just that, removes a small portion of the surplus. All hunting anymore has rules & regulations. It is not a wanton slaughter. Critters in the wild when hunted by predators or human hunters have a chance to get away. Not every human hunter or predator kills something every time. Many go home empty-handed or if a predator, starve. My uncle says that under the ban it will be okay for a government person to kill a bobcat or mountain lion but not him. Why? What is wrong with a him, a hunter killing a wild cat as opposed to a government official? **Why do they really want the change?** Emotions plus more money to them for their campaign he says. It hurts their feelings when they hear of a critter getting shot. They'd rather it starve and die slowly. This makes no sense to me.

*****Do consider attending some of the AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meetings especially since the ballot initiative to ban the hunting of wild cats is HERE.** We'll need more than one voice present to be against them should they speak at these Meetings. **It would be nice to also have some Youth there asking why they are trying to STOP what I enjoy? Also some mountain lion attack victims or the parents of kids who have been attacked by lions. This is only their 1st step. What will be next?** There is a reason that the Humane Society has euthanized stray cats & dogs for years and it's called Population Control. Taking some of the surplus works where as sterilization does not. The cat is a killer that kills when it wants and as opportunity allows. Wild cats such as bobcats & mountain lions are the same. They kill as opportunity allows.

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

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

The Gun for November will be a Ruger American .22 Mag. Rifle.

The Gun for December will be a DPMS Oracle AR-15. Somebody is going to Win!!! Good Luck to You!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

****Do seriously consider attending some of the AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meetings especially since the ballot initiative to ban the hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, lynx, jaguars & ocelots is HERE. We'll need more than one voice present to be vehemently against them should they speak at these Meetings. This is their 1st step. What will be next?**

Nov. 1 – Trapping Season Opens statewide. No leg-hold traps allowed on public land. Cage Traps okay. Check Regs.

Nov. 1-This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M. the Deadline to Enter the 2017-2018 6-MONTH HUNT is the end of this Nov. Monthly Meeting. One or two-man teams only in Expert & Novice Class. Cost \$20 per person. **The PVCI 6-Month Hunt is a friendly competition Hunt that begins at the October Meeting & ends at the April Meeting pitting team against team for 6 months to determine the Best Team.**

Nov. 3-4 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Work Shop

Nov. 4-5 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!!

Nov. 10, 17 & 24 – Archery Only, Limited Opp. & Muzzleloader Elk Hunt Openers in various Hunt Units. Check Hunt Regs.

Nov. 15 - **This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza?????**

Nov. 24 – Junior Javelina, Jr. Deer, Late Dove Season opens statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Dec. 1 – Bighorn Sheep Season opens in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Dec. 1 & Dec. 8 – General Elk Hunt opens in various Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Dec. 6 - **This is the 1st Wednesday. New Club Meeting Location: 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M. PVCI Christmas Party. The Outdoor & Sporting vendors are not as generous as they used to be so Donations from you will gladly be accepted! Contact Membership Person Ruth S. 602-524-3586 about donations & make arrangements.**

Dec. 1-2 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting (Hunt Orders) 5000 W Carefree Hwy Phoenix 85086 602-942-3000.

Dec. 9-10 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!!

Dec. 20 - **This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza?????**

Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas to ALL! Happy Birthday Jesus!!!

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

Jan. 1 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** Archery Deer & Javelina Seasons open many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

*****NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: To stay a PVCI Member you MUST PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES YEARLY OR YOU WILL GET DROPPED! *P.S. DON'T FORGET that we'll need your E-MAIL INFO. Before Jan. 1st as the PVCI Board has decided to do away with this hard copy Newsletter & go to an On-Line Only issue starting Jan. 1st**

Send your e-mail to pvcigroup@gmail.com The NEW Club Meeting Location is 6822 N. 57th Drive, American Legion Hall Post 29. Meetings 1st Wednesday of Month. 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 Due, it will be noted on the shipping label with a **Red Line**. 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 \$35.00, and the forms are available at the General Meeting. For questions regarding membership, contact the Membership Chairperson Ruth S. 602-820-5142. RENEWAL PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 130 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Chris A.; Rick M.; Sean Y.; David B.; David M. & David S.**

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.



PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION DECEMBER 6th, 2017

by Eddie M.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 will be the date; the location is **6822 N. 57th Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29 in Glendale, AZ.** our **NEW** regular Monthly Meeting place, the Christmas Party taking the place of the regular Meeting. Of course you & yours and all (family, friends, kids) are cordially invited to attend this Event, you do NOT have to be a member. **The entry fee to get into the Christmas Party is typically at least 1 can of food or water per person.** All food/water donations are donated to one of the local Food Banks by members Gary A.M. & Ginger in what has been called the "Dave Kardo's Food Drive" in honor of one of our late members, Dave that used to always run the Food Drive. **Dinner will be a "Potluck Affair"** & we ask you the members to please bring a dish or dessert to share. **The PVCI Christmas Party is a Major Fundraiser for PVCI. Each year we seem to have more & more Trouble getting** donated items from the various Outdoor & Sporting Vendors though & **SERIOUSLY THIS YEAR EVEN MORE THAN EVER PVCI will also take YOUR donated items (including services, hunts, baked goods, etc.).** Generally, this is also the night that our "Member of the Year" & "President's Award" recipients are named while their family & friends are present. All in All, this should be a good night of seeing new & familiar faces & celebrating **the Christmas Spirit!** Hope to see you!

P.S. If you have some good items (outdoor or not, this is a Fund-Raiser) that you'd like to donate PLEASE either call Ruth S. at (602) 524-3586 and make arrangements OR bring your items to the November Monthly Meeting for Ruth.

MULTI-CLUB HUNT – (Tentative Date: ????? 2018)

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

*****Jan. ??? – MULTI-CLUB HUNT – This Hunt pits our Club against the other predator calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the "BEST" Varmint Calling Club in the state?** The Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) won the rights last year & the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) are Always Good Competition. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! The Tucson Club is also invited & used to dominate. They are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout. **PVCI members, we could really use some more participation!** Even with the numbers of us that show, we come oh SO CLOSE sometimes! **IF MORE MEMBERS WOULD JUST GET OUT and HUNT IN MORE NUMBERS, WE REALLY COULD WIN THIS HUNT EVERY SINGLE TIME!!! PVCI members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE HUNT THIS ONE!!!** It is only a 1-Day Hunt. Everyone is allowed to use electronics. **Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin and the matching carcass.** Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-20, fox-10. This is a one-day Hunt. Only critters harvested on day of the hunt are eligible. The Deadline is 9:00p.m. Saturday evening according to their Hunt Chairman's watch. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. will be disqualified. There will be food & possibly drinks served until they run out. PVCI members again **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! We can win the Trophy (XPC currently has it) back! THANKS in advance! We will give you more information (like where the Check-in location will be w/map) as we get it.**

COYOTE STORY by Ken E.

Be patient, they will look back!

It started with peeking over the railroad embankment, it got worse when the coyote busted us and started running up the canyon, and totally sucked because neither of us had a firearm!

We ran back to the truck, grabbed our equipment and whispered as we planned out the stand. Chris B. was calling, so he took a shotgun & I took my AR-15 to cover the open area above the brush in the bottom. Chris ended up on a small knoll, about eight feet high, with my spot on the very top of the small ridge backing into a creosote bush. After six minutes of whining and chittering and then he started calling, I look slightly to my left and the coyote is staring right at me! I am clearly sky lined and busted. I do not twitch since he is about a hundred yards away and I will have to offhand the shot and the coyote will spook and run at my first move. The coyote turns and walks down the small rise that hid him coming in and up the opposite side, stopping where he could look back at me.

As Jay N. of Rhino Calls puts it in his video, if they are not too spooked and have not been shot at, they will stop and look back. I pulled the trigger on a three-quarter going away stance, stopped! Paced off, it was 118 yards and another coyote down for the count.



SURVIVAL – LOST, HOW I SURVIVED THE NIGHT IN SUB-FREEZING TEMPS W/NO FIRE by Eddie M.

It will soon be winter-time with very COLD temps. Even though this happen in Spring, the lessons learned could apply.

On a San Carlos spring turkey hunt in March 2010, during the late morning hours, I walked a long way in search of a gobbler and didn't find my way back to the designated pickup spot or any other road come dark. In other words, I got lost. I quit walking around 10:30 p.m. and decided that I was going to have to spend the night. Now I have been lost all night before, even in the cold & survived so I wasn't too worried. **The reason I'm telling you about this experience is to potentially help some of you in the future. You are going to get lost someday too. I was potentially in a dangerous situation (it got down to 16 degrees I was told) & if I didn't know what to do??** Now I am not an expert survivalist, nor do I have any other official credentials. I'm just an ex-Marine who has been in the outdoors a lot. Let me tell you what I did.

First off, I was dressed as follows: On top I had on a thermal underwear t-shirt, a regular camo t-shirt, a polar fleece top and then a regular Nat Gear camo long sleeved shirt over everything. On the bottoms I had on a pair of regular Nat-Gear camo pants, my boxer shorts and a pair of 1,000-gram thinsulate Rocky Boots. I had a heavy cloth face-mask in my pocket along with one glove and a bill cap on my head. I did have a canteen of water on my canteen belt and a fanny pack with lots of stuff inside including a flashlight, lighter, trail mix and dry paper towels.

Since cold air sinks, I got out of the river bottom and climbed the hill. From here I could potentially see oncoming head or flash lights & could hear better since I was away from the creek noise. Then I got under a juniper tree & dug a hip hole with my boot. Then I put on my heavy cloth facemask, leaving my nose out on the outside, took off my camo log-sleeved outer camo shirt and lay down with my polar fleece top still on and my bill cap on my head. I used my fanny pack for a pillow and then placed the log-sleeved regular Nat Gear top over the top half of my body and over the bill of my cap. In other words, it was just draped over my entire top half sort of like a tent. The bill of the cap kept the shirt off my face. Now every breath I took from my mouth, I could feel warm air just fill the entire top half that the shirt covered. My feet did not get cold with 1,000 grams of thinsulate and my bottom half was fine too even though I only had on boxer shorts and regular camo pants.

The hours passed slowly but overall, I stayed pretty good. I did try to start a fire about 2 in the morning with my lighter but gave up shortly after trying. The only time I really got cold was when I left my juniper to go pee. Then it was cold!!!

Once it got light in the morning, the turkeys started gobbling. The last thing I needed was to be walking around with a 20lb. bird and not know where I was but I was there to hunt turkeys. Approx. 40 minutes later I called in and harvested a fine gobbler at 28steps. Now maybe this will help you should you get lost. Trying to sleep on the ground in the cold without a space blanket or some type of mat will usually just get you cold. Try putting something on your head, then taking something like your shirt & place it OVER your upper extremities. I believe you will stay warmer this way. Found by Noon. Good luck.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THE COYOTES, FOX and BOBCATS AFTER YOU SHOOT THEM? (THE SKINNING PROCESS EXPLAINED)

In my opinion every predator caller should know how to skin & put up their own fur. The raw furs from the pelts that we harvest are a renewable resource that can be utilized either for your own purposes or for sale. P.V.C.I. encourages members to skin their harvest & not just waste them in the field. After skinning, save your pelts by placing them in a one or two gallon Ziploc freezer-type bag (**fur side out w/ears, feet tucked inside**). Freeze until you have time to process.

HOW TO CASE-SKIN A COYOTE: The #1 complaint we've had on Fur Prep Day is that some pelts can't be used because of improper skinning. The biggest mistake is skinning them open



like a bear instead of case-skinning. The next biggest mistake is cutting the front legs completely off leaving 2 gaping holes. How to go about case-skinning is shown below: Tools required: flea & tick powder, knife, rubber gloves, tail stripper, rope, fleshing board & fleshing knife.

1) Once the critter is down, spray the inside of a plastic bag with a powerful insecticide; insert the critter, close bag 5-10 minutes. (Flea powder also works). Flea & tick spray can often be found at the 99 Cent Only Stores. **1A)** I start by cutting the gums both top and bottom in the jaws. This make the head much easier to skin once reached. **2)** Using rubber gloves make an incision around the hairline or "ankles" on each leg. Next cut up the back of the hind legs to the vent. Follow the color line. Skin out the hind legs then work to get the back area free around the tailbone. **2A)** Use a tail stripper or 2 stout sticks& strip the tail. It helps if I stand on the back legs when stripping. Now I hang the critter by one hind leg (making it easier to turn). **3)** Once the back legs& tail are free, separate the pelt from the carcass by pulling pelt down in one steady motion towards the head. **3A)** Some resistance will occur around the front legs. Use a blunt instrument between the front part of the shoulder & the skin. Push through skin then pull down. **4)** Continue pulling hide down to the head then skin out the head. **5)** Finish by cutting through nose cartilage freeing pelt. **P.S.** If you want to see a video-presentation of a coyote, fox, bobcat, raccoon, beaver actually getting skinned **check out the DVD "Fur Handling by Danny Sullivan."** These days U-Tube can also be watched.

WHAT ABOUT FLESHING & STRETCHING? Tools needed: Fleshing Board & knife, knife, wire stretcher, sewing needle & dental floss. **1)** We wash the hide in liquid Tide or ALL then wring out. **2)** With the skin-side out, put onto fleshing board head up. Put the base of the Fleshing Board against something immovable. Use a fleshing knife & flesh the hide using a downward motion, removing the flesh. You may need to use the knife for trimming at times. **3)** Sew up the bullet holes, etc. on the pelt. **4)** With the skin-side out, put pelt onto a stretcher. Leave on stretcher until pelt dries some. **5)** Take the pelt off the stretcher, turn fur-side out then put back onto the stretcher fur-side out. Let dry in cool, bug-free place. Once dried & off the stretcher the pelt is now ready to sale or to ship to get tanned. We use Moyle's Tannery in Idaho.



**2) Fleshing the pelt on a
Fleshing board**



3) Sewing the holes



**4) Putting on Stretcher
Skin side out**



**5) Finished Product
Fur Side out**

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 24-29 of the 2017/2018 AZ. Hunt Regs. You'll note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more information. Consider helping out at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a 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.

Nov. 10-12 LEARN TO TRAP: YOUTH TRAPPERS Ed & CAMPOUT: 3-Day Event teaching the Trapper's Education Course with an actual trapping session for kids & adults alike. Demos of skinning, fleshing, stretching & using foot-hold traps (private lands) and cage traps (public lands). Primitive camping available, porta potties and food provided. Kids are free.

Location: Chauncey Ranch in Mayer, AZ. Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters. **Register:** Bob Rhoton brhoton@ymail.com, www.southwestfurharvesters.com

Nov. 24-26 - Unit 42 Deer Hunt Camp: Base Camp to assist youth deer hunters w/ General deer hunt info, tactics & tips from experienced outdoor hunters, other outdoor skills, some food provided. Location: Wickenburg, AZ, Unit 42. Host: Mule Deer Foundation, AZGFD. Info: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org (623) 696-5579

Nov. 30-Dec. 3 - Unit 18B/20C/17B Youth Deer, Javelina & Small Game Hunt Camp-MDF-YOU: Free camp to assist w/basics of deer, javelina & small game in area, other outdoor activities, food, campfire & more. Location: Wickieup area, Hwy 96 & Santa Maria River, Unit 18B/20C/17B. Host Mule Deer Foundation Kingman Chapter, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES, NWTf. Register at www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Dec. 2-3 – Picketpost Small Game Hunt Camp: Camp for beginners to learn hunt basics for quail, rabbits & dove. Limited firearms provided, primitive camping onsite, some meals. Location: Picketpost Mtn/ Superior, Unit 37B. Host: Red Bear Outfitters, AZ Outdoor Sports, AZGFD, Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Register at www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Dec. 8-10: Cibola Youth Waterfowl Hunt: Learn how to waterfowl hunt w/an experienced mentor. Activities for whole family include trap shoot, 3D archery, decoys & calling clinic. Dutch oven, wildlife watching. Location: Cibola Nt. Wildlife Refuge, Blythe Area. Host: AZ Outdoors, Yuma Rod & Gun, USFWS, AZGFD. Contact: Yuma AZGFD 928-342-0091 getoutsideaz@gmail.com

PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORT

SEPTEMBER NOVICE HUNT: This September Novice Hunt was our 1st Official Hunt of the 2017/2018 hunting season, the teams having to have a Novice to qualify. The Novices team up with the Experts for a weekend of hands-on real life hunting experiences and some experiences were had too! It was really a bad weekend for predator hunting with lots of wind & some heavier rain in many locales plus dove season. All total 5 teams w/11 members ventured forth. The Total kill was 3 coyotes & 1 gray fox. **Results were as follows:**

1st Place: Ken E.
Randy K.
Total: 2 coyotes



2nd Place: Tim N.
Shawn Y.
Total: 1 coyote



3rd Place: Eddie M.
Dave M.
Total: 1 gray fox



OCTOBER CLUB HUNT: The weather for this Hunt was actually good for a change though the wind did kick up a Sunday afternoon & there were a LOT of people about with quail, fall turkey, squirrel & youth javelina & deer all going on! Again 5 teams w/ 11 members ventured forth. The Total kill was 18 coyotes & 1 badger. Results were as follows:

1st Place: Ken E., Chris B.
Total: 10 coyotes



2nd Place: Craig B. & Wayne W.
Total: 8 coyotes, 1 badger



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