



Jan.- Feb. 2016



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year Coyote Hunters! First off I would like to thank Larry S. for putting on a great Christmas Party this year! Also a Big "Thank You," to all the volunteers that helped as well! With our hunting season in full swing I encourage all novices to pick the brains of all our experts and find out what is working for them this season. This is a great time of the year to work some of the events and get to know our experts. I would also like to remind our members that the Multi Club Hunt is also in January and if there is one hunt you hunt this year this should be it. Come support you club and help us bring home the Multi Club Hunt Trophy!  
I hope your new year brings success in the field and in life.

**Terry H. President, PPCI**

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

**\*\*\*MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE:** The Lodge #2 is "Strongly Discouraging" bringing ANY Food & Drink to the Monthly & Board Meetings. Please use the Snack Bar with Food & Drink inside instead.

**\*\*\*The PPCI Board of Directors Meeting has changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.**

**\*\*\*PPCI has an EXCITING BRAND NEW GUN RAFFLE! There are 5 firearms in this Raffle & tickets start at only \$1.00 each.** There is much more information & pictures, just turn the page. **Need NOT be present to win, Draw date May ??**

**\*\*\*The date of the 2016 Multi-Club Hunt is Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** The Multi-Club Hunt pits our Club against the other Varmint-Calling Clubs in the state on a 1-day Hunt for bragging rights to determine the "BEST" Varmint-Calling Club. **BIG Changes this year LOOK/READ the Changes before you go.** If you hunt no other hunt all year, hunt this day! Map & More Info. inside. Members we need you hunting!

**\*To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto:coyotecaller@cox.net)**

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2015 PPCI Christmas Party



Spencer Joins PPCI and Scores!!



Chris & Hakan W/ Coyote

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## PVCI HAS A BRAND NEW EXCTING FUNDRAISING RAFFLE!!!!

Starting in January Your Phoenix Varmint Callers is having a Brand New Exciting Fundraising Raffle! This Raffle will feature the 5 firearms listed below with the Raffle Tickets being sold at the bargain price of ONLY \$1each or 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10 or 30 for \$20!!! PVCI members we will need everyone to step up & sell these Raffle Tickets however it should not be too hard with these prizes at these prices! The Drawing Date for this Raffle will in May. You Need Not Be Present To Win. Buy more than one Raffle Ticket & the potential to win more than one prize is possible. Multiple prizes have most certainly been won in the past. The Raffle Tickets should be available at the January Monthly Meeting. This is going to be a Great Year!!!

### Armalite AR10 DEF 16" .308 20 round



### Armalite AR15 DEF 16" .223 30 round



### Mossberg 535 12 ga. 22" ACU 2 3/4" , 3" & 3 1/2" Mathews stock



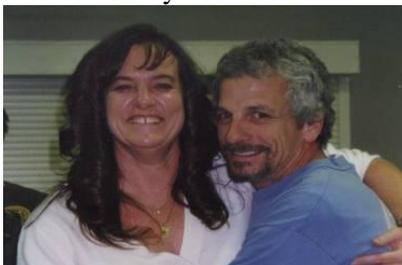
### Remington 783 7MM mag 24" with scope



### Savage 93-GL .22 WMR LH bolt action rifle



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
Rebecca & Mike F.  
Married 34 years Jan. 28



ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
Gary A. & Ginger M.  
Married 18 years Feb. 28



## VARMINT CALLING WEEKEND by Eddie M.

Well here I go again, since I have no input or stories from you the Membership, I will tell another one of my stories. I hope that you enjoy. One thing before I start. Being able to get out & hunt varmints/predators is important to me. I go for the fun of being out there, breathing the outside air, taking in the breath taking scenery, enjoying seeing different types of wildlife and yes being able to pet and admire and take pictures with that wildlife every once in a while. I also enjoy the competition aspect of what we do, the thinking and strategizing, the pushing of your limits, all again for the fun. If you want to hunt & aren't doing it or if it has been a while since you went out, if you are physically able, why not go again and take another member with you? There are a lot of new faces that may be shy yet are very eager to learn.

It was another one of those Club Meetings where I couldn't find anyone to hunt with? The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month is always the Meeting and the weekend after is the Club Hunt. Most everyone knows this & if you want to hunt then of all the weekends in a month, you should have that weekend free yet all that I asked either had a partner already or weren't going because they had other things (honey-do's) to do? Well I will go by myself in ½ a heartbeat so I signed up.

I left the house early Saturday morning & arrived at my destination a little later than I planned. I put the hunting clothes on next to the truck, grabbed the stool & shotgun, slipped under the fence & walked out a ways from the truck.

**1<sup>st</sup> Stand:** I stuck my camouflaged self into a pocket of brush where I blended in & had a good view in front of me & tried one of my bite-down calls that I'd purchased when I lived in California & never really used. The sound was a cottontail distress all the way. After about 3 series I spotted a coyote standing & looking my way in the distance. It was just off to my left enough that I had to turn my butt towards it some on the stool to get a good shot. I got away with the slight movements because of the camo working for me by blending with the brush. I then slowly raised the shotgun & put the bead on the coyote, mentally not just pulling the trigger but trying to line everything up & make the shot actually count. BOOM, at the shot the coyote went crazy, rolling around. I got up & advanced a few steps then shot again, BOOM! There was more rolling around & I got closer & shot once more, BOOM! The coyote lay still. I went to the coyote and after seeing that it was dead gave my thanks to it by scratching it behind the ears and patting its belly and telling it thank you. I then took some pictures to help honor the animal. The distance was 68 steps with a 12 ga. shotgun with a modified choke shooting 3"- #4 buckshot! Instead of walking back to the truck now I wanted to walk in deeper so I took out a red bandanna (I always try to carry 2 or 3 in my cargo pants pocket) bent over a high branch, tied the bandana to it then let it fly high so that I could re-find this location. In deeper I went.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Stand:** Since the wind was still good I walked deeper yet angled away from where I'd shot. I finally picked a spot & stuck myself in front of some shaded vegetation that was big enough to cover me. I had a good view in front of me with no obstructions. I began calling with the same cottontail sounding call that I had used on the 1<sup>st</sup> stand, at first just a plain scream, WAA, WAA, WAA then I added some more pain and got frantic, WAAAA, WAAAA, WA, WA, WA, WAAAA! I caught the movement of the approaching coyote almost too late; it was running in so fast! My eyes saw the coyote; it registered in my mind and by the time I moved to react and take a shot the coyote was almost upon me! At 4 steps the coyote caught my movement and changed his course from towards me to GET OUT OF HERE! My shot, BOOM, dropped the coyote in a small depression and judging by the kicking it was doing, it wasn't going anywhere. 23 steps was the count.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stand:** The last 2 stands were my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was not my 3<sup>rd</sup> stand but my 3<sup>rd</sup> **successful stand** of the day and the weekend. I made a couple of unsuccessful stands then found a tree and hung up both coyotes to cool before I skinned them. I made something to eat and probably even had a short nap. Before skinning I reasoned that I had been here a while without making any noise. Why not make a stand first? Some #4 buckshot was quietly loaded into the shotgun, the wind checked and away I went into the wind and away from the truck. I chose a spot where I could hide in some brush and where the coyotes would have to come out of the brush of the desert and cross a small open to get me. Then using the same cottontail call as previous proceeded to call some then pause some. Call some, pause. I saw 2 coyotes coming but only one veered towards and came straight at me. I let it come on in, closer, closer then it angled to the left slightly. I slowly raised the shotgun, tracked it and pulled the trigger, BOOM! Down the coyote went and it was over! What a problem to have; now I had 3 coyotes to skin!



No other coyotes were called that day. The next day I saw 2 coyotes approaching in the distance only then never saw them again, saw one coyote that backdoored me (no shot) and missed one close coyote. I received double hunt points on the hunt (that hunt Only) for taking the time to skin the coyotes and got 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for that Club Hunt.

## 2015 PPCI CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT by Eddie M.

Some PPCI Christmas Party goers may remember the year 2015 as the Year of the Big Wait. If you came early to help set-up or get an earlier start then you know what I am talking about. It seems that the doors to the Lodge that were supposed to open in the 5:00P.M. hour didn't get opened until the 6:30-7:00P.M. time frame. Somewhere, somebody had a failure to communicate. Although you have to admit that having a Christmas Party on December 1<sup>st</sup> is quite early & could easily slip the mind.

The doors did open though and after a quick set-up with lots of help, the prizes were set out, the food was put out and blessed and the Party began. If there was any bitterness, it wasn't apparent as smiling faces talked amongst each other as they converged on the food plus had a look at the fund-raising items. As usual the food & desserts were delicious and most of the food got ate up! Outside, the Dave Kardos Food Drive put on by our own Gary A. M. and wife Ginger yielded over 2000 pounds of food & water. The Desert Mission Food Bank will be happy!!!!

The night went well. Member Larry S. & Cindy (he had help) were in charge of the Christmas Party, Member Brent F. was the auctioneer again for the Live Auction segment, Kendall & Ken E. had their usual seats handling the money, the girls Courteney & Ange were the door greeters / ticket saleswomen and Steve L. ran the PPCI Gun Raffle. There were many others that also helped from being Live Auction helpers to consolidating food & picking up cans. You are ALL THANKED SO VERY MUCH for your help! There was no President's Award, Member of the Year or Reggie Cup Winner announced at this Years Party. They may be announced and awarded at a future Club Meeting (perhaps January?).

All in all the PPCI Christmas Party was a success! As far as the fund-raising items, many, many THANKS to Larry & his crew for procuring them from the Outdoor companies & vendors. Many, many THANKS also to you the Membership for ALL of your donations as they really made a difference this year. We will list those companies that donated on the next page however the list for the members that donated is just too big to list...THANK YOU though, you know who you are. At this writing it is hoped that All had a very Merry Christmas and that this New Year will be a Great One!!!



## THANK YOU THESE 2015 CONTRIBUTORS!!!

Here is a list of the Vendors & Outdoor Companies that said YES and contributed items for our PVCi Christmas Party. There is also a HUGE list of members that also donated items, so huge that we will just THANK YOU ALL here instead of trying to list all of you! Please DO REMEMBER these Vendors & Outdoor Companies when you make your purchases throughout the year.

Alpen Optics   Cabela's   Porath Calls   Wildlife Research Ctr.   Bloomfield Press   Laser Light   Havalon   Orion Calls

Sierra Bullets   Redding Reloading   White Oak Armament   Luminek   Tagged Out Taxidermy   Sportsman's Warehouse

Plus You the Members (too many to list) who always make a difference but really, really made a difference this year!!!!

## THANK YOU ALL!!!



## 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 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 & tell you where & when you can pick up your firearm.

The Gun for January will be a .223 SAVAGE AXIS Rifle

**The Gun for February will be a (Surprise !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)**

Someone is going to WIN! Will it be you? Remember there is NO LIMIT to the amount of tickets you may purchase.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\*\*Effective immediately the PVCI Board of Directors Meeting has been moved from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. The Meeting place remains the same, 12850 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

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

Jan. 1 – Happy New Year! Year 2016. Archery Deer & Javelina Seasons open in many Hunt Units. Check Hunt Regs.

**Jan. 5 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

Jan. 9 – Late Dove Season closes.

**Jan. 9-10 – PVCI Monthly Hunt! Members compete against each other in friendly competition. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.**

Jan. 10 – Mountain Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season closes.

Jan. 15-16 – AZ Game & Fish Commission Meeting (Phoenix). For more info. [www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam](http://www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam).

**Jan. 16 –MULTI-CLUB HUNT, pits our Calling Club against the other Calling Clubs in the state. Check-In Location is at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds. See Map & Rules inside this Predator Tales. If you hunt no other hunt this year, hunt this one day! Check in time is before 9:00PM “EVERYONE Must Be TOTALLY OUT OF the RODEO GROUNDS by 9PM.” So please come earlier than 9:00 PM. FOR CHECK IN.**

**Jan. 21 – This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

Jan. 24 - Desert Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Seasons close.

Jan. 30-31 – Juniors Only Waterfowl Season-Desert Zone Units Only. Persons are eligible to participate up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Limit 7 ducks, 3 scaup, 10 white geese, 4 dark geese. Check your Hunt Regs.

**Feb. 2 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

Feb. 5-6 - AZ Game & Fish Commission Meeting (Region IV). For more info. [www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam](http://www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam)

**Feb. 6-7 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. This is usually the H.A.M. Hunt** where you receive extra points for harvesting critters with handgun, archery or muzzleloader equipment. Rifles & shotguns receive normal points.

Feb. 9 – Proposed Drawing Deadline Date for 2016 Elk & Pronghorn Antelope Hunts.

**Feb. 18 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

Feb. 20 – AZ. Trappers Association Fur Sale at the Gila County Fair Grounds in Globe, Arizona.

**Mar. 1 – This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

**Mar. 5-6 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. This is usually our 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice Hunt and the teams MUST have a Novice to qualify. This is also the last organized Club Hunt for the 2015-2016 season.**

**Mar. 17 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.**

Mar. 10-13 - International Sportsman's Expo at the West World Facility 16601 N Pima Rd. Scottsdale.

**April 5 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. 6-Month Hunt ends**

**\*\*\*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-12 for February 2016 expiration). If Membership is NOT current it will 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 ??????? YOUR RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!**

**PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:**

**PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 143**

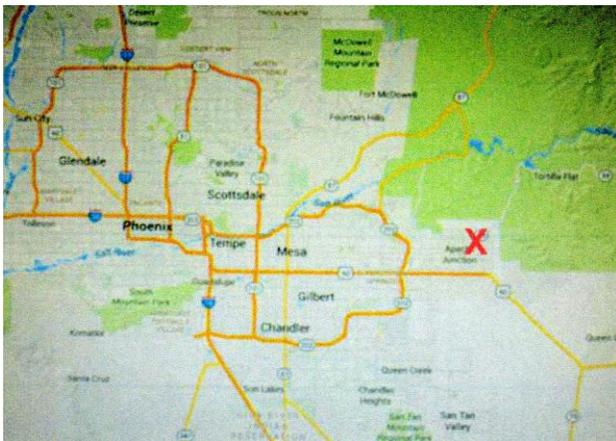
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MULTI-CLUB HUNT – JAN. 16, 2016

**\*\*\*Jan. 16 – 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 Arizona Predator Callers (APC) won the rights last year (they had 2 mountain lions!) and are ALWAYS Good Competition! This Club and the Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) both have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! Along this line, though we sometimes have a decent turnout, IT COULD BE BETTER! PNCI MEMBERS WE COULD REALLY USE SOME MORE PARTICIPATION!!! Even with the numbers of us that does show, we come so close sometimes! **IF MORE MEMBERS WOULD JUST GET OUT and HUNT IN SOME KIND OF NUMBERS, WE REALLY COULD WIN THIS HUNT EVERY SINGLE TIME!!!** The Tucson Club is also invited & used to dominate. They are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout.

PNCI members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one!!! It is only a 1-day Hunt. PNCI members are allowed to use electronics on this one day. Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin and the matching carcass. Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-10, fox, badger, ringtail & this year weasel & skunk are all 5 each. This is a one-day Hunt. Only critters harvested on Jan 16, 2016 are eligible. **Check in time is before 9:00PM “EVERYONE Must Be TOTALLY OUT OF the RODEO GROUNDS by 9PM.”** Anything turned in after 9:00P.M. will be disqualified. There will be food & possibly drinks served until they run out, **so please come earlier than 8:00 PM. FOR FOOD AND CHECK IN!** PNCI members again we really need your help! We can win the Trophy (APC currently has it) back! THANKS in advance!



Check -In Location will be at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds, 1580 E Lost Dutchman, Apache Junction, AZ. 85219. It is about .8 mile East of Idaho Rd and Just West of Tomahawk. **33°26'12.7"N 111°31'30.9"W**

**Dinner will be provided by APC while supplies last. NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING at this Location!!!!**

When you arrive go to the Sign-in Table and register your Team. They will direct you where to place your Harvest. Check in time is before 9:00PM “EVERYONE Must Be TOTALLY OUT OF the RODEO GROUNDS by 9PM.” So please come earlier than 8:00 PM. FOR FOOD AND CHECK IN.

### **PNCI ELECTIONS ARE IN APRIL**

The Annual PNCI Club Elections are in April and Club nominations for the various Board and Officer positions should begin soon. During these nominations if you would like to be part of the PNCI Board of Directors or a PNCI Officer then please stand up and express your desire, as you can nominate yourself. If there is someone else that you have observed and think that they might be good for the job then nominate them. Being a PNCI Officer / Board of Directors Person means that you must make one more meeting per month. You will most likely help run one of the Events that we put on during the year.

Being a PNCI/BOARD Member has its perks. One of these is the Board Party, held in June or July and is privy to only the Elected Officials and members that help the Club. You are usually in the company of and rubbing shoulders with some very good Varmint Callers. Here is a short list of the positions: **President:** the head honcho, main man, Responsible for running both the regular club meeting and the board meeting. **Vic-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, & Board Member.**

**All Officer Positions are one year terms. The Board Member is a three year term.**

## IMPROVING YOUR PREDATOR CALLING/HUNTING SKILLS

Okay hunting season is finally here. The purpose of your hunt is to have an adventure/experience and hopefully kill some critters. A lot of money will be spent on a lot of things in order to make these hunts happen. Gasoline, gear, food, snacks, etc....and yet more often than not (**especially with rifle hunters**) (**just saying**), when the time comes to take the shot you miss because the firearm isn't hitting where you are aiming! Things to do to correct that:

**Rifle Hunters:** If you are going to use a scoped rifle to hunt anything with, then you should **MAKE SURE THAT THE RIFLE IS HITTING WHERE YOU ARE AIMING!** This is just **COMMON SENSE** however listening to the hunting stories that I have heard over the years, especially with novices, this **COMMON SENSE** rule is abused regularly. If you use a rifle, **Go To The Gun Range and Shoot Your Freak'in Rifle** to make sure that you are zeroed in! **EVERY** rifle hunter should do this **EVERY** season during the offseason or before the regular season begins. My hunting rifles are a .270 & a .222 Savage. With both I will start at 25 yards and make sure that I'm shooting dead center. Then I move out from there. This is the West here, shots can be long so with my .270 I want to be zeroed or dead-on at 200 yards which means according to the ballistics chart I should be about 3 inches high at 100 yards and the bullet will drop 6 inches at 300 yards. So by holding dead center on a deer-sized target from close range to 300 yards I should kill the animal and I have. My .270 has killed foxes at 4 steps & shot the heads off of cottontail rabbits and I have also killed antelope at 300 plus yards by holding dead center with that same rifle. On my .222 I want it zeroed for 100 yards and hitting dead center at 25 yards.

**Pattern your shotgun:** The non-hunting public all too often finds it hard to believe that you can miss when shooting a shotgun! Well being mainly a shotgunner myself let me tell you that you can miss with a shotgun. The main reason that I miss with a shotgun is by not fully shouldering it especially the 1<sup>st</sup> shot or by stopping my swing on a moving target instead of swinging through. Another reason you could miss is by using an improper load for the critter that you are hunting. Example: Though 00 Buckshot will kill a dove it is not the correct load as the 9 pellets inside the shell will leave big gaping holes at 40 yards that a dove can fly right through.

**Shooting Sticks make your own:** One way to improve your long range rifle shots and for some all their shots is to use a shooting aid called a shooting stick. Here is how to make your own Shooting Sticks:

### *HOME MADE SHOOTING STICKS*

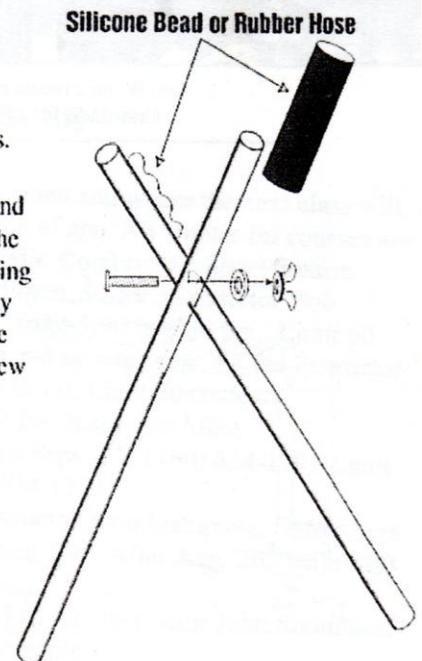
Tired of missing coyotes at 100 yards with a rifle that can shoot 1 inch groups or less? Been thinking about buying a bipod or some shooting sticks? Good idea but they cost more than a few bucks. What if you could make your own shooting sticks for under \$10? Better idea?

You will need 2 pieces of wood. I used 1/2" x 1" oak that were 38" long for mine. A bolt, washer, and wingnut will hold the two sticks together. A hole will need to be drilled into both sticks for the bolt. The location of the hole and length of the sticks will vary depending on what you may or may not sit on during a stand. Callers sitting on stools will need longer sticks than those that sit on the ground. I put a healthy bead of silicone in the crotch of the sticks where the rifle rests to reduce noise. Rocky Taylor split some garden hose to slip over his sticks where the rifle rests to quiet them down. For a bit of concealment a few splashes of camo paint won't hurt.

I hope you experience fewer misses as I have while using your home made shooting sticks. Keep the hits up and the misses down.

Good Luck,

*Mike Forzano*



Some random Websites for calling & hunting in general: [www.wildlifecallers.com](http://www.wildlifecallers.com) , [www.predatorprofessionals.com](http://www.predatorprofessionals.com) , [www.predatorforums.com](http://www.predatorforums.com) , [www.pvci.org](http://www.pvci.org) , [www.thearizonahunter.com](http://www.thearizonahunter.com) <http://equipped.outdoors.org/2014/10/nearly-every-usgs-topo-map-ever-made.html>

# ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE?

(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVED) 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 and the type of vehicle you're interested in. He will make contact with the dealers and 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 and 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.



## “Sucks to be You” Award! by Ken E.

Just after noon, over a hundred degrees, in palo verdes, mesquites, cholla, and saguaros. It felt like I deserved the “Sucks to be You” Award!

I coax a little to see if I can wake something up. Nothing. Start a normal series for fifteen seconds and shut down for a couple of minutes, forcing myself to count each second out. Nothing, again. Go to a smaller call for a series and into my normal routine, when a Harris hawk swoops in and lands on top of a tall saguaro. I admire him for a minute and start calling again. All he does is perch up there and stare at the gigantic rabbit screaming its heart out.

Since its close in to Apache Junction I run the stand for twenty minutes instead of fifteen. Just about to slink back to my truck in failure, the bird starts screaming. Once, twice, and I look up at it and on the third scream I see a coyote streak across my shooting lane aimed directly at the cactus the bird is perched on! Despite almost sucking my lips off mouse squeaking, I never see him come out of the brush.

Now, I have called in many hawks, ravens (since I have never pulled a trigger on them), owls, buzzards and one golden eagle. This is the first hawk to sit there quietly, and then announce that a coyote is coming in. The next time this happens, I will be looking down the barrel, ready for a fast moving target! As far as I could tell, the coyote was convinced that the hawk must have the rabbit down and was therefore going to lose his lunch to the hawk.

## Special Thanks to Our Past Membership Chairman and Hunt Chairman

by Ken E.

Allan F. has resigned his positions as Membership Chairman and Hunt Chairman. Three years ago, Al saved my butt when he stepped up and took on two onerous jobs. In either of these jobs you can do nothing that earns you praise, only complaints. Thank you, Al! For all you have put up with, it would have driven me crazy to do either job, both together would have left me with no hair at all! For all the work you have put into building a spreadsheet for each, all the data checking they demanded, updating and foreseeing problems, you have my gratitude. Last but not least, when are you available for a hunt?



**Allan Thanks for all your support with timely info for the PVED Newsletter.** by Scott B.

The Second best calling weekend that I ever had was with Allan F. We called in 24 coyotes and killed three. Over the years Allan has been a mentor to many. In these days when it is hard to get anyone to do one job you took on two willingly. Thank You for your years of service and all that you have done for the Club, see you at the PVED Meetings.

by Eddie M.



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