



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**P.V.C.I. has a NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION
NEW CLUB MEETING LOCATION: 3720 W. Greenway
Road in Phoenix**

The F.O.P. Lodge has been sold and is now a church!!!

Terry H. President, P.V.C.I.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

*****MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE: The Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. NO LONGER HAVE MEETINGS OF ANY TYPE AT THE F.O.P. Lodge** where we once met! **THE NEW P.V.C.I. MONTHLY MEETING PLACE IS 3720 W. GREENWAY RD, THE NATIONAL ASSOC. of LETTER CARRIERS Branch #576.** The F.O.P. Lodge is now a church. The start time is still 7:00p.m. and we must be out by 10:00p.m. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BRING IN NO DRINKS, REPEAT PLEASE BRING NO DRINKS. Instead non-alcoholic drinks/some minimum food may be purchased inside. The total of these purchases will help to bring down the cost of renting the Hall for our Club Meeting. 3720 W. Greenway Road is 2 buildings East of the QT Gas Station on Greenway near the location. This place will be home for the immediate future.

***** P.V.C.I. 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 speak up (say something) when this part of the Meeting is opened. ALL officer & some Board positions are open. More inside

***To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: coyotecaller@cox.net**

*****How would you like to receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on the computer INSTEAD OF in Paper form?** Let Membership Chairman James S. know at Meeting. Save the Club Mailing Cost!!

*****The 6-Month Hunt & other Monthly Hunts will End at the April Monthly Meeting. Get all of your Proof's turned in by the end of the Meeting to get credit for year!**

***The date of the P.V.C.I. Campout & Barbecue is May 14-15, 2016.** Location: Where we were last year. Map in May-June

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P.V.C.I. Member Clifford H. w/1st kill
See Story Inside!!!



Chris H. w/double gray fox
See Story Inside!!!



Top P.V.C.I. Multi-Club Hunt Team
They had 9 coyotes!!!

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PVCI HAS A BRAND NEW EXCTING FUNDRAISING 5-GUN 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 are available at the Monthly Meetings is the gun raffle guy Steve L. 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



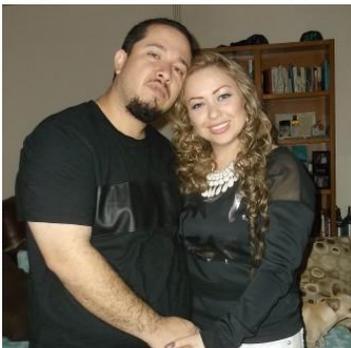
Remington 783 7MM mag 24" with scope



Savage 93-GL .22 WMR LH bolt action rifle



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



ANNOUNCEMENTS:
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Ivan and Sara C.
Married 8 years on April 14th
Happy Birthday
John T. April 1st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HUNT TO REMEMBER by Eddie M.

Back in 1985 when I joined P.V.C.I, the only thing that I remember other than that the Meeting was inside of a grade school on Indian School Rd. was the fact that there was going to be a Monthly Club Hunt & that I could go on it if I was a member! That was the selling point for me; I liked to hunt, sign me up! I didn't know a thing about varmint calling then except that you blew into a call to make the noise. I thank the Late Skip A. for asking me if I wanted to go hunting. He took both me & another guy. Today here in 2016, I still like to participate in the Monthly Club Hunts & I like trying to get 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place with a less experienced person being part of the team. Sure we're handicapped some with the inexperience however each stand has the potential for unforgettable experiences & isn't that what it's all about?

The Club Meeting is going on and I am putting the word out that I am going to hunt however I am also looking for 2 members that can preferably hunt both days and preferably stay out on Saturday night without returning to town. The 2 members were Clifford whom I have hunted with before and is a more senior person and young Chris who just became a new P.V.C.I member that night! Clifford drove as he felt more comfortable sleeping on the seat of his truck. Both are very excited about the upcoming weekend hunt. I call and talk to both beforehand going over gear and proper shotgun loads. Both are also asked to bring rifles in case the terrain dictates it or we end up calling in potential mountain lion country.

We arrive at our hunt location in time for me to change from my regular clothes to camouflage, get loaded up & have us all on stand waiting while still a little early. Since Clifford drove he has the 1st stand. Within minutes of his calling start a couple shots ring out! After the stand ended we found out that Chris had seen & shot at a kit fox that had come running in. The fox was just a touch out of range though & ended up just walking off. A quick search revealed nothing.

On to the next stand it was my turn. We hid the truck and walked out into an area that looked open, barren and lifeless. I hid the guys with both of them looking into the wind while I called mostly facing downwind. Not long into the calling, Clifford who was in front of me shot, BOOM, then shot again, BOOM! I stood up and turned around to see 2 coyotes. One was going round & round with back end problems while the other was starting to get out of Dodge! I shot at the twirling coyote and then sent a couple rounds at the other departing coyote. The 1st coyote was down while the 2nd coyote whom I knew I'd hit ran out of sight. Clifford went to the 1st coyote, **his 1st kill** to tend to it while Chris & I got hot on the trail of the 2nd coyote. We did find blood & tracked the coyote for a long, long ways yet eventually lost the track & returned to the truck where Clifford had the 1st coyote waiting. We were on the board and celebrated with good talk and some good pictures. We kept calling & eventually left that area as predator sign seemed lacking & even the birds seemed absent. The new area had more cover & sign plus rodents & birds. We spent the night in the new area.

The next morning produced 1 cottontail rabbit that Chris shot after the 1st stand had ended. The wind was an issue this morning as it had been all day yesterday. We eventually moved to some rocky hills/rolling country terrain to try for some gray fox as the flats didn't appear to be working for us. I asked Chris to bring a rifle and put him towards the top of a small hill with rocks on top. I put Clifford 1/3 above the bottom of the hill on the opposite side of Chris while I took a spot 1/3 on the same side. I could see the lower part of the hill plus part of a wash that ran the length of the hill. Chris started to call and a few minutes in I caught a flash of fur down in the wash then saw a coyote quickly running up the wash in Chris's direction. It ran out of sight & I thought to myself that Chris just might get quite the surprise if not facing that way however the coyote instead rounded the hill & came back into sight directly across and a little down from me on a flat area behind some Palo Verde tree branches! It stopped & looked up towards Chris. The coyote never knew what hit it as my shot, BOOM, through the branches of the tree just dropped it! Chris didn't miss a beat & kept calling & pretty soon I heard 2 separate shots then some more calling and another shot from up high. After the stand ended Chris walked downhill some to look at what I'd killed. I hoisted up the coyote and he was quite surprised! Then I went up to him and he explained that after I shot he'd kept calling and heard some rocks scuffle behind him. He turned to see a close gray fox leaving. I believe the close shot missed; however more calling brought it back and he killed it with the rifle. More calling brought in another gray fox and Chris shot it also with the rifle. He was quite excited as he went to find first one & then the other fox. These were his first gray foxes & it was a double at that & then top those off with the coyote kill (a triple!) and Chris was glad that he was in the Pin Program! We got 3rd place with 2 coyotes & 2 gray foxes.



Nothing beats a shotgun in brush by Ken E.

Nothing beats a shotgun in brush. The most robust bullet will go somewhere unplanned when it nicks a branch. **But there are things you should pay attention to first.**

Pattern your shotgun! **Anytime you change loads, chokes, or even take another shotgun out. Any change in variables will change your point of impact (POI)! And the last place you want to experience this surprise is after you pull the trigger on a coyote.**

When you pattern your shotgun, do it the same way that you are going to shoot it! From your stool, standing, etc. Your body position, even how you shoulder the gun, when you shoot changes the POI. If you use the same shotgun for birds, find a hill or ridge where you can place your target above you. Distances should match what you expect in the field.

Chokes

Watch your shot size when choosing a choke. Most full or tighter chokes will not pattern well when shooting 4 buck. They do better with lead BBs or Dead Coyote T shot. With 4 buck, you end up with a density pattern shaped like a doughnut, very light in the middle- not good when you are aiming at the head. Some members have paid the cost of a Pattern master choke, most of \$100, because of this.

These hunters are thinking of possible 50-60 yard shots.

My preference is a Modified Choke, easy on my 4 buck load pattern and better for close-in shots. Some members prefer Improved Cylinder when using lead BB for really thick brush: more spread and a higher density of pellets(90 +) helps when you are surprised and can see the whites of their eyes!

Loads

20 gage- Locally, you can easily find 3" 3 buck 17-pellet Remington loads, which work well, anything else you will have to find and order online. Avoid steel shot loads, they don't carry energy well.

12 gage- Best choices are lead BBs or 4 buck, unless you want to pay for pricey Hevi-Shot loads.

BB(.177")- I consider this an expert's load, for coyotes at least! They are perfect for fox or bobcat, anytime or anywhere. For coyote, you must choose a headshot, which takes practice and the ability to keep your composure. When I first started, I found that I underestimated, consistently, the speed that a coyotes runs in or by you! I would roll them with a 3" BB load, once, twice, or even three times and they would get up and run away. Remember, every minute you spend tracking is a minute not spent on calling more coyotes.

4 Buck(.240")- Choose your load based on whether you can shoot it; many older shotguns will only shoot 2 3/4". Some will shoot only 2 3/4 or 3". Most newer shotguns will tolerate up to 3 1/2 " hulls. It works out that the more pellets you put out there, the better the chance of a deadly hit. 2 3/4" usually holds 27 pellets, 3" 41 pellets, and 3 1/2 " 54 pellets. A popular saying is that one pellet in the head, two in the neck, or three in the chest will put a coyote humanely down, quick and easier to find.

T shot(.220")- Found in Dead Coyote and other Hevi-shot loads, slightly smaller in diameter than 4 Buck but 14% denser than lead. Very effective for longer shots, but very very pricey!

Barrel length

Anything over 18+ inches works- you don't have to apply to BATF for a short barrel permit, and most powders burn out in 18-20 inches. My preference is that shorter is better, due to several coyotes getting away when my 28" barrel hung up on a branch and stopped my swing. Longer barrels do give you a longer and more accurate sight line. Choosing to use fixed chokes or changeable chokes depends on what you want to spend and the choices you might make in different thicknesses of brush.

Felt/perceived recoil

Recoil is measured in foot/pounds: the amount of energy to move one pound one foot. Remember, for every action there is an equal but opposite reaction, so that energy/weight you throw out at the coyote will come back at you! The lead/shotcup/powder/buffer is what travels up and out of the barrel, and the speed due to powder choice can vary too. This varies with every manufacturer so all I can do is generalize on what the result will be..

20 gage- 3" 3 buck, 1 1/8 oz of lead, 17 pellets, about 30 ft/lbs.

12 gage loads:

2 3/4" 4 buck load- 1.25 oz of lead, 27-30 pellets, and 45 ft/lbs.

3" 4 buck- 2 oz of lead, 41 pellets, and 60 ft/lbs.

3 1/2" 4 buck- 2 3/4 oz of lead, 54 pellets, and 75 ft/lbs.

To put this in perspective, a .243 generates 10 ft/lbs and a 30-06 20 ft/lbs of energy Mileage varies with bullet weight and powder charge, etc.

Mitigating felt recoil

Have the shotgun fitted to you with the right length of pull.

Mount the gun properly in your shoulder pocket, not on the shoulder muscle.

Use a semi-auto, the recoiling bolt mechanism will absorb & slowdown the energy coming back at you.

Heavier shotgun. More steel/wood, more weight. Avoid short barrels. Semi-autos weigh more than pumps.

A very good recoil pad- the National Wild Turkey Federation's magazine talks about retina detachment with 3 1/2 turkey loads when a recoil pad was too thin or absent.

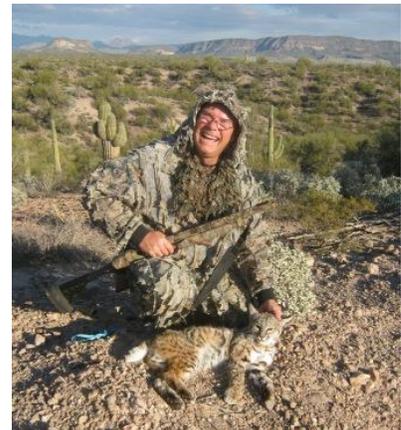
Pistol grip stock- divides the recoil between your shoulder and your hand. Also helps avoid the pain generated in your wrist when you keep the shotgun shouldered throughout the whole stand.

Use a shoulder pad/protector to spread the recoil over more of your body, decreases bruising and possible rotator cuff damage.

Use a recoil reducer, spring, rubber insert with weight, mercury tube, etc. Also adds weight but gets tiring to carry all day.

Thanks for your attention and I hope this allows you to choose the variables that affect your pain tolerance levels!

Ken with Shot Gun Kills



More TIPS:

Shooting: When it comes to shooting, if the critter is in your zone & you have the shot, take it! It doesn't matter who called it in, this is a team effort. Missing shots is going to happen, I don't care who you are. Patterning your shotgun & zeroing your rifle will go a long ways towards not missing shots, so will practice, both at the range & in the field. You may have hunted all over the world & harvested all sorts of critters yet this predator calling, where the critter is running at you, often to eat you, is different. The action is often so fast & furious that you will have no time to find a critter in your scope! You are better off just pointing & shooting thus the shotgun. I believe that novices will miss fewer critters on this Novice Hunt if you shoot a shotgun instead of a rifle.

Should You Harvest A Critter: Congrats are in order! Please do take some pictures. Pictures are my way of honoring the animal. Also don't forget to count how many steps it is to the critter. Do keep a record of your harvests. By using pre-printed forms & filling them out, especially ones that also allow a picture or two, you can build a very interesting photo album that both shows & tells your stories. Makes for interesting reading & it will be there even after the memory fades.

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

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

The Gun for March will be a Remington Model 783 in .243 with a 3x9 scope.

The Gun for April will be (to be announced) something though not sure at this time.

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

*****Just a reminder that the Daylong Shooting Hours Season or Night Hunting is OPEN in certain Hunt Units for coyotes ONLY from Dec 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. 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 may be used or even possessed.** Read the 2015/2016 Hunt Regs. Pages 83 and pages 92-93. Read & understand rules BEFORE you go hunt. **Mountain Lion Daylong Seasons or Night Hunting are also OPEN in many Hunt Units until June 30, 2016!** Rifles & shotguns can be used for both I believe??? **Check your Hunt Regs. to be sure!!!**

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

Mar. 1 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, NEW LOCATION: 3720 W. Greenway Road, Phx.) 7:00p.m.

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

Mar. 5-6 – Antelope Eaters Hunt – Seligman more info Ron H 928-757-7369 see web site mohavesportsmanclub.com

Mar. 10-13 – International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at West World in Scottsdale, AZ.

Mar. 11 – Advanced turkey calling seminar at Cabela's. Start time is 2:00p.m.

Mar. 12 – Fur Prep Day over Scott C. house. There will be a map at the New Meeting location, 3720 W. Greenway Rd. otherwise call (623) 695-5887 for directions. Also Turkey Hunt Seminar at Cabela's start time 1:00p.m.

Mar. 17 - This is the 3rd Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (New Location: 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx.) 7PM

Mar. 18 – Spring Bear Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 19 – Arizona Elk Society Banquet, Location: Mesa Convention Center in Mesa, AZ. Single Ticket Price \$75.

Mar. 31 – Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, weasel, ringtail & coatimundi seasons end.

April 2-3 – Arizona Game & Fish Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Range. We will have a booth. More info.

April 5 - This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, NEW LOCATION: 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx.) 7:00p.m. Club Elections held. Also the 6-Month Hunt ends. All proofs-of-kills for the 2015-2016 season to be turned in by the end of this Meeting.

April 21-This is the 3rd Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (New Location: 3720 W. Greenway Rd, Phx.)7PM

April 22 – Hunt-Permit Tags for 2016 Antelope & Elk should be mailed out by now.

April 22 – April 29 – Arizona Early & Late Spring Turkey Seasons open in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

April 29 – Archery Only Spring Bear Season Opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

May 14-15 – PVCI Annual Campout & Barbecue. Location same place as last year. Map & more information 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-12 for February 2015 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 James S. 602-820-5142**

YOUR RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 143

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: ?????

ARIZONA HUNT UNITS WHERE COYOTES MAY BE HUNTED DAYLONG or at NIGHT: Hunt Units 4A, 4B (north of Interstate 40), 5A, 5B, 8, 10, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 31, 32, 42 & 44A.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUR PREP DAY- MARCH 12, 2016

What?: Fur Prep Day is a day that has been set aside by PPCI to put up or prepare the furs that were donated to the PPCI Fur Program and get them ready for either the Fur Sale or the Tannery. PPCI 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, then this is an EXCELLENT time to learn.** PPCI will provide lunch to those that show. Also generally members that 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 will begin at 8:00a.m. at Scott C.'s house in Peoria Az. Scott C.'s phone# is (623)695 5887. PPCI will provide lunch at lunchtime. **Get Flier with Map at March Meeting**

How: Take out your frozen furs the night before and begin to thaw them out. Soaking under water really seems to help.

Warning do not keep fur in Plastic pages once thawed. 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. Really hope to see you there. 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, the Club will do so however you will need to pay the Club for 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 Scott's House: We don't really want to place a map in the Newsletter or online so we provided his phone number & there will be a map to the location at the PPCI March Monthly Meeting at the **New Monthly Meeting Location: 3720 W. Greenway Road/Phoenix, AZ. Scott's phone# is (623) 695-5887.**

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOOR EXPO – APRIL 2-3, 2016

This years Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on **APRIL 2-3, 2016** 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. PPCI will have a booth at this event. Volunteers are needed. We will be raffling off Raffle Tickets for our **New PPCI 5-GUN 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

PPCI CAMPOUT & BARBECUE – MAY 14-15 2016

This year's Annual Campout & Barbecue will be scheduled for May 14-15 this year to have less conflict with Fire Restrictions. This family-oriented Event is probably one of our most attended of the year so take this opportunity to invite your neighbors, family & friends to the Campout and participate in the events. Typically there are events scheduled for the youth and the adults. Most of the adult events are shooting events. Both women and men compete separately in .22 rifle, .22 pistol, big-bore handgun and bowling pin and compete together in the archery, and muzzleloader shoots. The youth get to shoot also; I believe the same events as the adults for the most part. The youth also participate in the Jr. Calling Contest and the younger kids have the BB Gun Shoot. In between the shooting look forward to some really good food, & having a good time with your PPCI Hunting Friends. A map and Schedule of Events, and more details will appear in the May-June PPCI Predator Tales. Hope that you and the family and friends can make it. President Terry H. & Gary A.M. are in charge of this Event this year. Volunteers are still needed to run each shooting event. If you run the Event, you make the rules for the most part. Volunteers are needed for various other duties also. If we don't get the volunteers, then we might not have the Event. To volunteer your services please call President Terry H. at 602-615-4107.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR PPCI OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS (ELECTIONS IN APRIL) by Eddie M.

Yes it is that time of year again, the time when nominations for the PPCI Officers & Board of Directors comes to be. Every PPCI position is annually up for re-election in April except for some of the Board Members. The PPCI Officers & Board Members are the decision making core of PPCI & 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 PPCI 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 PPCI 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 is able to 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 of the 5 officer positions are 1-year terms.

I tried to be as short & through as I could. Hopefully I didn't get anything too wrong. To view a complete list of Officer & Board of Director duties, look at your Cub Handbook located on PPCI Website <http://www.ppci.org>

UPCOMING EVENT: PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR – MAY 9, 2016 by Eddie M.

On May 9, 2016 the town of Payson will host the 21th Annual "Payson Wildlife Fair." This Wildlife Awareness Fair held at Green Valley Park in Payson is meant to open the eyes & introduce both the young & adults to some of the many outdoor wonders & activities that exist. Though there are a few exotics such as the alligator & the 18ft. python the main focus is on Arizona Wildlife, the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. & Arizona Outdoor Clubs & Organizations. The Event lasts from 9:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. and offers lots to do. Admission is Free. For the Event, the Lake in the park called Green Valley Lake (one of the Urban Lakes) will be double stocked with hundreds of lbs. of trout (including some HUGE incentive fish) and open to all to fish for free from the hours of 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Normally a Yearly Fishing License is required. There will also be many wildlife booths and displays, games, prizes, some virtual shooting sports, free fishing poles, gear & bait plus instructions for the kids and much more. Smokey the Bear also makes an annual appearance.

PPCI will have a booth at this Event promoting the sport of Varmint Calling & selling some Raffle Tickets. There is always Lots of Interest! Volunteers needed to help run the booth. You could even make it a weekend!



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE?

Please Call Before you Contact the Car Dealer!!!!!!

(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVCI) by Scott Banner

All 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.



MORE TIDBITS AND SUCH

by Eddie M.

SELECTING A CALL: Okay, which predator call should I purchase to use? Good question. There are basically 6 types of hand-held predator calls. Closed reed, open reed, bite-down and diaphragm, howlers and squeakers/rodent distress. Let's take a quick look at each one and go over their advantages & disadvantages. One more very versatile call to consider that is not covered here is the "Lip Squeak" using your lips.

Closed reed call

Advantages: Much easier to learn to blow.
Good rabbit sounds, some okay with bird sounds. Rodent distress with coaxer reeds or if built-in.
Okay with some models in wind.

Open Reed call

Extremely versatile call.
Good rabbit, bird, rodent, fawn & howler possible w/same call on many models. Will not freeze-up.

Bite-Down Call

Great variety of sounds
Both bird & rodent, okay fawn & rabbit sounds.
Can call with no hands.
Most will call loud & soft.

Diaphragm

Hands-free operation
Versatile, can make all sounds except maybe rodent.

Disadvantages: Will freeze up in cold temps.
Fawn distress difficult on most.
Rodent distress tends to get blown-out quickly.
Not a good coyote howler.

Much harder to learn to use. Don't leave these calls in the sun. Esp. with the Tally-Ho, you will damage the reed.

Some have a problem learning how to use. Okay for some distance calling if light winds. Not a good call for big wind. Terrible howler.

Volume can be a problem w/ rabbit.
Not a good call for the wind.

Howlers are calls made specifically for coyote howling. Of course you can also make a decent howl on many of the open-reed calls. Squeakers/rodent distress can be used both as a main call for enticing critters in or as a coaxer should one happen to hang-up on you.

YOU MIGHT BE A VARMINT CALLER IF.....(Author unknown)

-Your dog falls in love with your boots very time you return home from a hunt.
-You know to the minute how long it takes you to drive from your home to your favorite calling spot.
-Your coworkers refuse to carpool with you because you practice calling all the way to work.
-Your chiropractor cannot figure out why your neck is always in need of adjustment and you are too embarrassed to tell him it is from carrying a pound of calls on your lanyard all weekend.
-Everything on your Christmas list can be purchased on-line at "Allpredatorcalls.com". You also get a personalized Christmas card from them.
-When you pass a tree you think, "Man, that would be a good skinning tree!"
-Your dog hides under the bed every time you get your call box out.
-You see a shotgun and immediately check the barrel to see if it will chamber a 3-1/2" shell...if not. it's CRAP!
-Your handheld GPS is filled with weigh points like: Calling spot #1, Calling Spot #2, Good Calling Spot #3, etc.
-You see things like salt shakers table legs, sprinkler pipe and imagine how they would sound with a JC products varmint reed shoved in them.
-You are conditioned to say, "Yuma" when anyone asks where you hunt.
-And the #1 reason you might b a Varmint Caller is...You go through more latex gloves than a gynecologist!

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 26-30 of the 2015/2016 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.

March: 4-6 – Junior Jack Kamp: Recent Hunter Ed graduate youth hunters learn how about Jackrabbit biology/hunting. Hunt skills taught include skinning, harvesting & cooking jackrabbit meat. Free, food provided. Location: Southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A. Host: SCI-AZ Chapter, NWTF, AZGFD. Register: Karen Klima, kklima@az.gfd.gov, 520-975-6490.

March 15 – Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free seminar with Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting techniques. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds. Raffles, door prizes and vendors. Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33rd Ave., Phx, AZ. 85023. Host: Desert Christian Archers, Info: AJ Murosky info@desertchristianarchers.org

April 15-17 – Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp: Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping & food. Location: Happy Jack Area: Units 6A, 5A, 5B. Host: NWTF, AZ Wildlife Federation, Outdoor Experience 4 All, Xtreme Predator Callers. Register: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com

April 15-17 – 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, azgobbler60@gmail.com

April 15-17 – Turkey sciences & Hunting Camp-Post Wallow Fire: 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 Elk Society. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORT by Eddie

DECEMBER MONTHLY HUNT: As I recall the December Monthly Hunt was just a little breezy, the wind doing what it does when there is a weather-front high by going in 3 different directions. This I our Fur Hunt and critters are supposed to be skinned to qualify. There was some interest and some members got out to hunt. 10 teams consisting of 19 people ventured forth. The Total Kill was 21 coyotes & 1 gray fox & 2 kit foxes.

1st Place: Bob B, Terry J. **2nd Place:** Gary A.M. & David F. **3rd Place:** Eddie M. Wayne W.

Total: 8 coyotes

Total: 5 coyotes

1 coyote, 2 kit foxes

P.S. Craig B. had 6 coyotes on this hunt that were not skinned so they were disqualified for the Dec. Hunt.

Multi Club Hunt Results: 1st Pl. XPC-195point, 2nd Pl. APC-160 Point, 3rd Pl. PVCI- 130points

PVCI top team was Craig B, Chuck D., & CJ C. and they had 9 coyotes!!!!

JANUARY MONTHLY HUNT: 8 teams, 17 people. Total Kill was 15 coyotes, 2 gray foxes

1st Place: Bob B, Terry J.

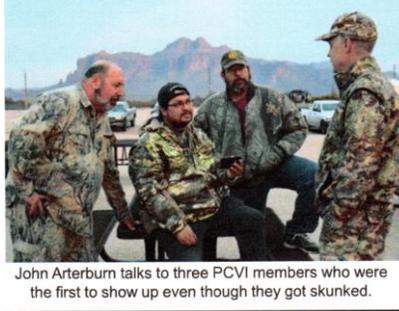
2nd Place: Craig B, Charles D.

3rd Place: Eddie M., Clifford R., Chris H.

Total: 6 coyotes

Total: 5 coyotes

Total: 2 coyotes, 2 gray foxes



John Arterburn talks to three PPCI members who were the first to show up even though they got skunked.



Alex M. w/2016 Javelina

PVCI Multi-Club Hunt Team

PVCI Multi-Club Hunt Team

Jay & Tim hold coyote

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