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May-June 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**PVCI 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, PVC 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 PVC 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 (they actually have some good deals) 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. *****The PVC I Board of Directors Meeting has changed from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday of each month. We've also been having them at President Terry H's house & NOT the New Meeting Hall. Call Terry at 602-615-4107.** *The date of the PVC I Campout & Barbecue is May 14-15, 2016. Location: Back at Moqui Draw near the Blue Ridge Ranger Station off of Hwy 87. See Map and other information inside.



Reigning PVC I President! Terry H!



Fur Prep Day-Members are busy!



PVC I Member at the G&F Expo

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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 be May 15th 2016. 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 **PVCI** Monthly Meetings, see 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**

Ron & Lana P.
Married 29 yrs June 13th!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please provide your info!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Will H. May 16th!!



FIRST BOBCAT!!!

Story by Mark S.

From Newsletter Editor: Hey I actually received a story from one of our new members! It tells the story of their first called bobcat! They are brand new members and so they did things a little different than what we normally do with the e-caller however it is still a GREAT STORY so I included their experiences. Enjoy!

My buddy Tim and I had a goal set to finally call in and kill a bobcat this season. We had tried in prior years but not wholeheartedly like we decided this year. We have both studied up on calling bobcats specifically & were putting it in action all season. We had a couple sightings & saw sign that they'd come in this season but they gave us the slip each time.

I called him up to head out after work yesterday to hit some areas that I had discovered in the past few months. This was our last chance at getting a cat because the season was closed at sunset. As we pushed deeper into the territory we found out this place was loaded with cat sign. There was an area of the wash that had 10-15 piles of scat within 40 yards. I had never seen so much cat sign! We finally made our way through the thick brush and got out into the open land more so we would have a chance at spotting any that showed up. Upon coming up on a small depression in the ground we decided to setup with the larger mountain (and sun) to our backs and a small canyon to the right of us. In front of us were two small boulder filled hills and to the left was the thick wash we came out of (this was the downwind side). All in all it looked like the best spot and I figured the calls could reach all three areas where they might be resting. By the time we got setup it was around 3:45 in the afternoon. Tim covered the canyon side and I watched the creek and hills.

I started off by putting my electronic caller on at low volume. Right after I started the call I also got on my hand call and did a short & loud sequence to get any predators attention that were further out. I continued through the stand using the electronic call while switching up my sounds every 10-15 minutes. Up until this point neither of us saw any predator action whatsoever. Around the 35 minute mark I switched to a baby rabbit call.

A few minutes before switching sounds we noticed a LOT of small birds chirping frantically and we couldn't see why. As I scanned my side of the set everything looked the same, no new "bushes" had appeared. I turned my head slowly towards Tim's side and immediately spotted what I thought was a bobcat sitting on a little ledge overlooking the caller.....it's ear twitched and that confirmed it! I noticed that Tim had not seen it yet and I did a few quick psst, psst sounds to get his attention. He turned his head toward me and I just pointed right past him. So far the cat had not picked up on our movements even though we were only 30 yards away. As Tim turned back to scan his area I noticed he was having a hard time finding the cat (or maybe it just seemed like a long time as I waited!). He actually had a small branch that was in the way just enough that it took him a bit to notice the cat through it. Once he saw it he waited for the cat to glance away from the caller so he could raise the shotgun. A few more seconds went by and the cat looked left. Tim raised his 12 gauge loaded with 00 Buck and squeezed the trigger....the cat fell hard and barely moved at all. Perfect shot! Upon inspection he hit her with a few pellets in the chest & one went through the front leg.

I'd be lying if I told you we quietly got up from the stand to go inspect the prize.....we were super excited!!! Twenty to thirty empty "bobcat" stands and it has finally paid off. We celebrated the huge milestone in our calling experience and jumped to go check it out! Turned out to be a decent female desert bobcat, although the fur was falling out due to the AZ heat we were already experiencing.



Want to see and read & see some more bobcat adventures ?
Check out Arizona Cage Trapping Outdoor Adventure on Facebook.

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

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ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE?

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

(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PPCI) 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** and 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.

PPCI will receive the Referral Fee.



FUR PREP DAY REPORT by Eddie M.

In my opinion, knowing what to do with your coyote, fox or bobcat fur after you have made a kill is part of being a complete predator hunter. The raw fur from these critters if not blown up too bad can be a valuable resource and possible source of income. This process includes both the skinning of the critter and knowing how to flesh & put up the fur for sale or for the tannery. I am not saying that it has to be done to every critter that you kill however you should at least have the knowledge of how it is done. There is always much interest in this process. A good example: Look at the crowd that we draw every time we skin a critter at a public venue. There is also interest in the other part of the process, the fleshing, sewing and stretching part. This is what Fur Prep Day is about, learning how to do these things. Saturday March 12th was the day (I had the date wrong in the Newsletter but correct on the flier that I brought to the Meeting). We did have a turnout of interested members and I do believe that everyone learned something. Make no mistake, especially the fleshing is work, so is learning the art of sewing up the holes. In the end we had just enough furs and work for those that showed and now have more furs headed for the Tannery. Most of these furs are donated to the **PPCI** Fur Program and the monies raised by them will go to help the Club in whatever form needed. Some were tagged with a cable tie through the eye. Once returned as long as the owner pays the Tanning & shipping costs those furs are theirs. Also there is usually a price break given to those that helped if they wish to purchase any of the Fur Program furs that are not marked. The rest will go on sale at the **PPCI** Club Meetings and the various Outdoor-Related Shows that we go to where we promote the sport of varmint calling. Thanks to ALL that showed up and helped. Thank You again Scott for allowing the use of your home for the Event. I hope that we did a good clean-up job. I hope you enjoy the pictures below.



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>

ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO REPORT by Eddie M.

The last few years the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. has put on an Outdoor Expo with the intention of showing about ALL that you can do in the outdoors from A to Z. As usual both the entry fee & parking were FREE and free shuttles were also provided to transport you from here to there. Each year many, many thousands of people attend this Event.

PVCI had a booth here to both sell Raffle Tickets for our upcoming 5-Gun Raffle and to promote the sport of Varmint Calling. As always there was much interest in what **PVCI** members do. I hope that you enjoy the pictures.



UPCOMING EVENT: ANNUAL PVCI FISHING CONTEST- JUNE 4, 2016

(Who is the Best Fisherperson Adult or Child in the Club???)

In the Fall and Winter a lot of us members are going at it, hunting & competing. Well now that the hunting season is over, to help keep that competitive edge on during the off-season, **PVCI** schedules family-oriented events to try & get your family & friends involved both in meeting others & in some fun competition. Events such as the Annual Campout & Barbecue in May, this Annual Fishing Contest in June, The Trail Clearing in August and the Christmas Party in December are good examples. This year the Annual **PVCI** Fishing Contest will be held on June 4 at Dogtown Lake in Unit 8. **This Day is Free Fishing Day and no fishing license is required to fish on that day only.** We usually have 2 categories in both the Kids & Adults Divisions. They are Longest Fish & Longest Stringer. This applies to all fish species in the Lake. There is also usually a Members & Guest Free Raffle where ALL that are present have a chance to win a prize whether they fished or not. **Mike Y. at 623-824-3788.** is in charge of this event this year. The way that it works is that you start fishing at daybreak on Saturday morning. We fish until the Contest stops at 5:00P.M. All the fish are measured & the winners determined. The Winners get 1st pick from the table of prizes then all names go into a hat and the names that are drawn get their pick of prizes. Then we clean the fish and have a Big Potluck/Fish Fry Dinner. **This is a Potluck so please do remember to bring a dish or dessert.** Good Times Galore!!! Come on out and bring some friends and/or family. See Directions.

Directions: Get to Williams, Arizona, then turn south onto 4th Street (County Road 73) and drive about 5 miles to Forest Road 140. Turn left and proceed about 4 miles to Forest Road 132. Turn left and proceed 1 mile to Dogtown Campgrounds. PVCI will be camped on FS 140.

Look for PVCI Signs

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 May will be a Ruger American Predator chambered for .243.

The Gun for June will be a Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmor.

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. 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. Also NO electronic night-vision equipment may be used or 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???**

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

May 3 - This the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, NEW LOCATION: 3720 W. Greenway Rd., Phx) 7:00p.m.

May 5-6 – AZ G&F Commission Meeting in Tucson 555 N Greasewood Rd. 520-628-5376

May 6 – Opening day of the Late Junior Turkey & Archery Only Non-Permit Tag Required Turkey Seasons. Check Regs.

May 14 – Payson Wildlife Fair in Payson. An Annual Outdoor-Related Event at Green Valley Park designed to introduce others to the Outdoors. Many activities are going on from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Arizona G&F double stocks Green Valley Lake w/trout plus there are many Outdoor Clubs & Organization Booths including the Phoenix Varmint Callers present. Volunteers are needed to help run the Booth. This would be great place to sale Raffle Tickets before the drawings!

May 14-15 – PVCI Annual Campout & Barbecue - One of our largest Family-Oriented Events. Let's grab the wives, kids, significant others, friends & camp together in the cooler than desert woods. Let's eat together & have some friendly competition amongst each other. This is an excellent way for you to introduce those you care about to the PVCI members.

Location: Moqui Draw. See Schedule of Events, Map & Directions inside.

May 19 - This is the 3rd Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting: Terry H's house. Directions call 602-615-4107. Start time is 7PM.

May 21– ALL Arizona Turkey Seasons Close. Check your Hunt Regs.

May 31- Daylong or Night Hunting Season for Coyotes Ends! Check your Hunt Regs.

June 4 – PVCI Annual Fishing Contest at Dogtown Reservoir. FREE FISHING DAY! See Direction inside.

June 7 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 3720 W. Greenway Rd., Phx) 7:00p.m.

June 10 - AZ G&F Commission Meeting in Mesa (Hunt Orders) 7200 E University 480-981-9400.

June 16 – This is the 3rd Thursday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting: Terry H's house. Directions call 602-615-4107. Start time is 7PM.

July 5 – NO PVCI MONTHLY MEETING, ENJOY THE 4th of July!!

*****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-16 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 James S. 602-820-5142**

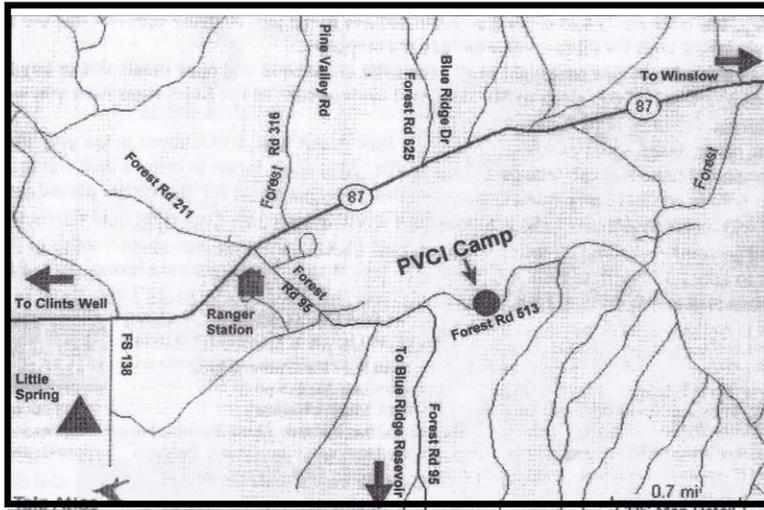
YOUR RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 146

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: April B., Preston M., Aaron A., Jay C., Mark S., Shandra O., Tim L., Chris B., Chris H.

PVCI 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 and bowling pin and compete together in the archery shoot. The youth get (if enough present) get to shoot also in the same events as the adults for the most part. The younger kids may have a BB Gun Shoot. In between the shooting, look forward to some really good food, & having a good time with your PVCI Hunting Friends. A map and Schedule of Events, and more details are shown below. 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.



Route #1 : On Hwy 87 go through Payson ,Strawberry, & Clints Well. Stay on Hwy87 to the first right (Fr 95) Past the Blue Ridge Range station. Take FR 95 South go approximately 1 mile to FR 513. Camp on the East side FR 513

Route #2: Go north on I -17 to Camp Verde .
Turn right on either Exit 287 or 288 .
Go East on Hwy 260 to Hwy 87. .
Turn Left on Hwy 87 and take the first right (Fr 95) Past the Blue Ridge Range station. Take FR 95 South go approximately 1 mile to FR 513. Camp on the East side FR 513

PLEASE only camp on the right side of FR 513 as you drive in. According to the NEW Coconino Forest Rules, Please DO NOT camp more than 100 yards from the main road. Shooting will be on the left & again according to the New Rules Please DO NOT park more than 10 yards from the main road on the left side. * **Keep ALL dogs on a leash** * Portable toilets will be provided. * Please clean up your camping area before going home. Pack out all trash. * Please drown your ashes w/ water & dirt & scatter the camp fire ring rocks. * Please bring canopies or tarps for shade & extra ice.

REMEMBER GUN SAFTEY: No loaded firearms in camp. Please No alcohol & guns. SHOOT ONLY when directed to do so & in designated area. Use the proper firearms for targets.

REGISTRATION For Target Shooting Events: See Tommy M. Cost is \$2.00 per shooter per event. All shooting events to immediately follow each other. Times may vary.

NOTICE: All events are shooting what you brought, all Optics OK – except no magnified optics for jug shoots. A Red-Dot sights (no projected laser beams) is considered the same as an iron sight as long as there is no magnification

SATURDAY'S EVENTS: Start Time: 8:00a.m.

.22 pistol – men, women, kids (10-16)

.22 rifle – men, women, kids

Kids BB gun shoot??

LUNCH TIME (sorry, food not provided)

Archery – everyone shoots together

DINNER: Please to bring a potluck dish/dessert to share. The CLUB will provide a main course and a gas grill you're your cooking.

Attention: Dutch Oven Cook-Off Dessert & Main Course Dishes, Bring your favorite dish for the cook-off.

SUNDAY'S EVENTS: Start Time: 8:00a.m.

5 pin shoot – men, women, kids

Jug shoot - \$1 per shot: (buy as many as you like but only 1 shot taken until your turn rolls around or the jug is hit). Pull a number from a hat & that's your order to shoot.

OTHER THINGS TO CALL:

SPRING TURKEY SEASON IS COMING!!!!

by Eddie M.

April for sure marks the end of predator calling for most PVC I members. Although coyote season is open all year statewide with some exceptions (Refuges, etc.), most PVC I members lay low and let the coyotes raise their pups during the warmer months of the year. They clean, reorder & replace ammo, calls, clothes and other gear. Hunting vehicles, firearms, etc. are repaired and re-tested and many turn their attention to other pursuits like looking for antlers, fishing or hunting for Spring Bear, Turkey or Buffalo. This is a good time to participate in the PVC I Spring-Summer Family-Oriented Club functions thus introducing your families, friends & others to PVC I members & getting to know them. I'll talk Spring Turkey here.



Spring is mating time for the turkeys and the way it works is that in the morning, if a gobbler wants to mate, he gobbles. The female or hen hears the gobbling and comes to the gobbler to get bred. When hunting Spring Gobblers you have to reverse nature and make the gobbler come to you. So how do you get a gobbler to come to you?

The goal is to get to the hunt area; park & load up then walk to within 100-150 yards to where you think your gobbler might be located before it gets light enough to see. Often the gobbler which is high up in a tall tree with a good view starts to gobble as you are walking towards where you think his tree is located. If still dark no problem however the lighter it gets the more that you can be seen so.... Don't call back to the gobbler now as if you do while walking in he will likely not just be gobbling back but also be looking for you from his perch in the tree. If he sees & recognizes a human the gobbling will most likely stop & he definitely won't land near you when he flies out of the tree.

Get somewhat close and find a tree in an area or avenue where you think that the gobbler might not have a problem walking to you. Usually these avenues are like an open path in the woods. Once you find a tree, get set-up. To get setup I first make sure that my seat against the tree is comfortable & that if I must move then I can do so quietly. Then a diagram call goes into my mouth. Get that shotgun pointed NOW towards where you think the gobbler might show up and make sure that your friction slate/box cal is close by. Maybe now you can do some very light yelping. This is called tree yelping & lets the gobbler know that there's a sleepy hen here. The gobbler will most likely gobble at the sound. This is his way of letting the hen know where he is so that she can come to him. Of course you know his location also. Try not to respond again unless you hear other hens as he knows where the tree yelping came from. Let the fact that he is gobbling and you are not walking in to him frustrate him and wait until he flies to the ground before you do any more calling. Even then I would just thrash the leaves with your hand and maybe just do some clucking. By doing this you are sounding like you're still in the area only doing something other than paying attention to him. Often this is enough to get the gobbler moving your way, usually gobbling (here I am) as he moves towards you. Even then I probably wouldn't make any kind of mating noise or yelping as if he hears yelping saying that you are hot for him, well he may just stop right there and gobble away saying to you here I am, come to me and not advance towards you anymore. Whereas if you maybe just thrashed the leaves like a feeding hen OR just stayed silent then he might think, "Is that hen still over there? Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, can't she hear me? ""Where is she dang it?" "Gobble, Gobble, Gobble." Gobble, Gobble, Gobble....and he walks into view (I'm right here) and you kill him, BOOM!

Of course the presence of real hens can change everything and a gobbler is really good at what he does which is attract hens. If you ever see a real hen approaching the gobbler that you are after & it's going to walk past you, **SCARE IT AWAY!!!** If you don't she'll walk up to your gobbler & they will both walk off away from you for parts unknown. He may still gobble at your yelping however his sound will get farther & farther away, guaranteed & he won't be back until he is done with her. In the early season he may be occupied all day however later in the late season he may be back around 10:00A.M. You see later in the year the hens usually leave the gobbler one by one to go sit on their nest after mating in the morning leaving the gobbler all alone and being alone during mating season is not liked.

Tip: Using Silence: One of the very BEST killer sounds to be made in the turkey woods. Let the gobbler know that you're a hen in the area then be quiet & wait no matter how much he gobbles at you. Of course he may approach silent also.

WHERE TO SHOOT & AFTER THE SHOT: I am a shotgun hunter and I say DO NOT shoot at just the head! It moves too much. Instead aim for mid-neck or just up from where the neck meets the body. After the shot I put the shotgun on safety and run to the gobbler and grab it by the legs and hoist it up with the gobbler's chest facing my chest and hold on! Even if they are still most gobblers will seemingly come back to life shortly after being shot, beating their wings greatly. Just hold on, they will soon stop and your gobbler will be a beautiful specimen ready for mounting instead of being all beat up because it was flopping around on the ground breaking feathers, etc. Good Luck on your Hunt! **Pictured is PVC I's Christmas Auction Winner Rod B.** with one of two 2016 New Mexico Turkeys!!!



PREDATOR HUNTING SEMINAR

Desert Christian Archers

*your
hosts!*

when:

Tuesday, May 17th, 2016
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Seminar starts at 7:00 pm

where:

Calvary Community Church
Fellowship Hall
12612 N. Black Canyon Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85029



Presented by

Ray Evridge, Phoenix Varmint Callers

Ray will teach you all about predators and how to hunt them!
*calling behaviors, habitat, characteristics, hazards, coyotes senses,
coyotes impact on other animals, camo, stand set-ups,
the difference between urban & suburban coyotes, and much more!*

DOOR PRIZES - REFRESHMENTS

Please bring any non-perishable food items or toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant) for needy families of Calvary. You will receive one special raffle ticket per item brought in for this drive. Raffle includes a handmade knife by Evridge Knives & a Ruger .243 Rifle W/Vortex 3X9 Scope for more info go to www.desertchristianarchers.org

MEMBER EXPERIENCE: TEXAS HOG HUNTING STORY by Ron H.



I had a successful hunt in Texas. Shot a 170lb. hog. It was shot at 11:00p.m. at 85 yards using a 30.06 with a Remington 180 gr. Core-Lokt bullet. The hog went about 30 feet before it died.

I also shot a raccoon at the feeder at about 10:00p.m. using a .223.

At one time I had 23 turkey hens and 3 toms in front of me at the feeder. The 3 toms were in full strut. Later one of them drummed, I had never seen that in the wild before.



Newsletter Editor: I am betting that many of our members would be interested in going hog hunting and that some would even make it a yearly thing to do. If any of the hog hunters in the Club or outside would let us know. Your business card could go here.

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.

July 17-19 – ABA Bowhunter Happening at Mormon Lake: Family-friendly non-competitive archery shoot. Kids 12 & under shoot free. Location: Mormon Lake Lodge. Details: www.arizonabowhunters.org or Darr C. 602-284-1722.

Aug. 7-9 – Predator Hunting Boot Camp for youth, adults & families-PPCI George Knox Memorial. Beginners can learn about predator calling/hunting plus other outdoor skills. Free camping and food provided. Location: Woods Canyon Lake Area, Vincent Ranch, Unit 4A. Hosted by Phoenix Varmint Callers, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, AGFD, RMEF, AES, NWTf. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

ELECTION RESULTS: PPCI held its annual elections in April. The results are listed on the first page of this Newsletter. Our President is still Terry H. Two brand new Board Members are Chris B. & April B. Thanks Richard H. for stepping up & running for a position.

PPCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORT

FEBRUARY MONTHLY HUNT: This was our H.A.M. Optional Hunt where extra points were awarded for killing your critters with the more primitive weapons. Six teams consisting of 11 members ventured forth. The Results:

1st Place: Craig B. & Chuck 2nd Place: Chris B. & Hakan S. 3rd Place: Bob B. & Terri J.

Total: 7 coyotes

Total: 1 bobcat, 1coyote

Total: 2 coyotes

MARCH MONTHLY (NOVICE II HUNT): This was our Novice II Hunt where teams needed a Novice to qualify. This time 8 teams consisting of 20 members ventured forth. The Top 3 teams results were:

1st Place: Craig B., 2nd Place: Eddie M, Chris H. & Ron H. 3rd Place: Ken E., Mark M., Kyle G. & Aaron A.

Total: 5 coyotes

Total: 2 coyotes, 1gray fox

Total: 2 coyotes

PIN PROGRAM AWARDEES: Ken E. with a 50 pin for coyotes & Chris B. with a 20 pin for coyotes!

UPCOMING EVENTS: PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR – MAY 14, 2016 by Eddie M.

On May14, 2016 the town of Payson will host the 22nd 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 over 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! This Event takes place the same time as the PPCI Barbecue however 1 or 2 volunteers will still be needed to help member Eddie M. run the booth. After the Fair we can go to the PPCI Event in time for the Potluck!

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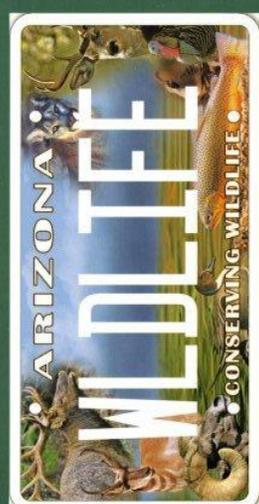
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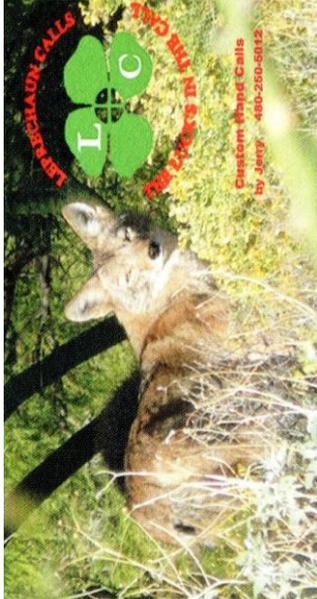


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