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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the club members and their guests for a great Christmas meeting! Nary a hiccup and delicious food, good fellowship and hot bidding! I don't have a final number, since our treasurer went on a elk hunt the next morning, but I think we brought in about 30 percent more than last year. That means the club is doing great & the next president will have a good start in April.

Thank you, Larry S., you dun good, as us rednecks say. Thank you to all club members who stood up and helped put on the potluck and auctions, and thank you to all the members who donated items to the Club. Larry gets to give us the details! And I don't want to forget to thank Mike and Tricia Y., and Scott B. for their extraordinary help this year, the awards were deserved (the usual reward for a job well done is more work!).
Ken E. President, PVCI

PVCI is having another GREAT Fund-Raising Raffle and the Raffle Ticket price is ONLY \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 25 for \$20.00! Get this; if you buy more than one ticket, you also have the potential to win more than one prize as did happen to one lucky prize winner last year!

***Night Hunting is going on NOW** for Coyotes (shotgun only) from Dec. 1st to March 15 & Mt. lions (rifles/shotguns shooting slug or shot) all year in multiple Lion units. Lights may be used on both but they must NOT be attached to a vehicle. Check your Hunt Regs. as only certain hunt units are open.

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***MULTI-CLUB HUNT- Jan. 24!** This One-day Hunt pits our calling Club against the other calling Clubs for bragging rights as to who is the BEST Predator-Calling Club in the state. If you hunt no other hunt this year, PLEASE hunt on this day! Food provided at check-in location while it lasts. We can win this Hunt, we just need more participants! More information inside.

***PVCJavelina Hunting Seminar** at the February Monthly Meeting on Feb. 4, 2015. Come listen to Dennis Fogle of the AZGFD. Location: Lodge#2, 12851 N. 19th Ave. Phoenix. Start time 7:00p.m.

***Fur Prep Day in March.** Be a complete predator caller & learn how wash, flesh, sew & stretch or put-up fur. We should have a fair amount to put up for our Fur Program or you can bring & do your own. We will send what is done to the Tannery & then sell the tanned hides to members & the public at events. Look for Flyer at Feb/March PVCJ Monthly Meetings. PVCJ will provide lunch.



Member of the Year
Tricia and Mike Y



Presidents Award
Scott B.



Dec. Gun Winner
Larry S.



Knife Winner



THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE? (SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVC I)

by Scott B.

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** or **E-mail coyotecaller@cox.net** let him know where you want to shop and the type of Vehicle you are interested in. He will make contact with the dealers and try to obtain **Employee Pricing** for you. He will 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 and they will give you the best price. The club will receive the Referral Fee.

WE received \$200.00 Last Month!!!



NEW PVC I RAFFLE FOR 2015!!!

PVC I is having another **GREAT Fund-Raising Raffle with 5 FANTASTIC PRIZES** and the Raffle Ticket price is **ONLY \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 25 for \$20.00!** Get this; if you buy more than one ticket, you also have the potential to win more than one prize as did happen to one lucky prize winner last year!

The prizes are in Order:

- 1. DPMS Sweet 16 AR15 .223 heavy barrel stainless**
- 2. REM Model 870 Express Turkey 12 Gauge 21 Inch Vent Rib Barrel, 3 Inch Chamber, Full Coverage Mossy Oak New Break-Up Camouflage**
- 3. RUGER Model 10/22 Carbine .22 Long Rifle 18.5 Inch Barrel, Blue Finish, Synthetic Stock, Mossy Oak Break Up Finish**
- 4. John Toner Great Divide Knife**
- 5. Browning Range Ops XR Trail Camera 8 MP Camouflage Finish**

Needless to say **PVC I Members** we need **“You”** to sell just as many of these Raffle Tickets as possible. **PVC I** needs funds to pay for things like rent, locker storage, predator calls & reeds, member T-shirts & hats, various things at our events, etc. Member Steve L. is the person in charge & the person to see to receive Raffle tickets from. Thank You in advance **PVC I** members!!!!!!

ANNUAL MULTI-CLUB HUNT SATURDAY JAN. 24th, 2015

JAN. 24th MULTI-CLUB HUNT – This Hunt pits our Club against the other Varmint Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the “BEST” Varmint Calling Club in the state? The Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) won the rights the last year, the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) have always been Good Competition. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! The Southwest Fur Harvesters from Tucson are also always invited however sadly they are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout. **PVC I members, we have won this Hunt many times in the past. We could really use a little more participation.** Even with the moderate numbers of us that have shown the last few years we come so close sometimes. **IF WE WOULD JUST GET OUT and HUNT IN SOME KIND OF REAL NUMBERS, WE REALLY COULD WIN THIS HUNT EVERY SINGLE TIME!!!** **PVC I members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one!!!** It is only a 1-day Hunt. **PVC I** 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-20, fox-10. Again this is a One-Day Hunt. Only critters harvested on this day in 2015 are eligible. **The Deadline is 9:00p.m.** Saturday evening, this is according to the Hunt Chairman's watch. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. is disqualified. There will be food & possibly drink served until it is gone. **PVC I** members again **we really need your help. We can win the Trophy back! THANKS in advance!**

The **CHECK-IN LOCATION** will be a at the gate, Southeast side of US 71 where the Double Steel Power Lines cross the highway, North of US 60 about 12.5 mile, South of US 93 a little more than 5 miles.

Look for signs from Xtreme Predator Callers for the exact CHECK-IN LOCATION.

STORIES FROM YOU THE MEMBERS:

KABOOM By Ken E



It was a beautiful start - we were on the first stand about ten minutes before sunup, watching the desert light up and listening to the coyotes howl in an arc around us. Disappointing, though, since there was no earth-shattering KABOOM on that stand. The next stand was quiet, too! The third time was lucky, somewhat. Larry said the coyote was suddenly in front of him, looking at him, twenty feet away, but he wasn't down his rifle and looking through his scope, so he froze and let the coyote continue toward me. Surprised me, too! KABOOM I hit it at least twice, I thought three times with my twelve gage but it still ran way with Larry taking another shot. After looking for 45 minutes and finding nothing, we gave up and went for another stand.

Luckily Chris B. forgot the tortillas and cheese on his counter, which forced us to change our location while obtaining lunch. On the first stand after lunch, a coyote ran past Larry, from the direction of the truck, and towards me! Four loads of 4 buck, knocked it down, growling with each shot and a finishing load from Larry and we had harvested our first coyote. One tough dog and I will admit the hide was not in the best shape. Now, we were getting serious.

On the next stand I was six minutes in when I heard the coyote running in, so I huddled down until I couldn't stand it any longer. As I came up, Chris barked, and there it was, about 15 or so yards away, stopped and surprised. KABOOM. One shot and we had two in the bag. So I got back on the call and six minutes later number three went down at about forty yards with one shot.

After dragging them back to the truck we decided to just walk north and do another stand with Chris calling. The third coyote in a row that I heard running in, managed to go right between all three of us and stop about 25 yards away from me, looking back at Chris. Sadly for him my shotgun was pointing almost directly at him! KABOOM. Larry found him down about a hundred yards away- remember to make head shots if you can and go look in the direction they were pointing if you have to search.

It was Larry's turn, now. About 3/4s of a mile away and Chris, the downwinder, took the first shot, second too and then a slower third! After expressing himself, he gestured to Larry to continue calling. Several minutes later, a coyote put the full brakes on and came to a stop 15 yards behind Larry, where I happened to be pointing my Mossberg. Enough said, I think, even though I did take another shot since he managed to twitch once or twice. Score on that stand was one shot and got away, one down, and according to Chris, one coming in but no shot about thirty seconds before I nailed the second.

Four down, but unskinned meant that we spent the last light looking for a skinning tree, which ended up being a sign post on the highway. So I will caution you, try to be more inconspicuous in your choice of skinning trees. We ended up with two DPS trucks putting their headlights on us! The benefit was that we used those lights to finish cleaning up as they ran us for warrants and warrants, they came back clean., this time.

The next day will be a story for another Predator Tales but we did call in three coyotes and harvest two with no shots taken at the first one. I will go back for that one!

I will say that we came in to check-in with seven, patting ourselves on our backs all the way, to find out that Craig B. and his team put us in the first losers slot (Second Place)! Some damn tough competition in this outfit!

NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Wasn't this a GOOD READ? There are so many more stories out there of the reality of predator calling, the success and the failures. We would HONORED to also have your story here. A photo would also be nice. To share your story, either write and give to Eddie M. at a **PVCI Meeting** or send email to coyotecaller@cox.net

JOHN TONER FUN HUNT/GET TOGETHER

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This Hunt is John's idea. He regularly sees elk & turkey right on the property and Haigler Creek is a known black bear area. Now bear season will be closed however coyotes, bobcats & mountain lions are around and hungry, in the winter you need to eat to stay warm. You 6-Month Hunt people here is another opportunity and for you newer folks, well the more you hang around & do things with the others, the more you both get to know each other and information on tips, areas to hunt, best calls & different techniques to use, etc. just drips from the mouths of those present. Interested? Why not give John a call and let him know you're coming so that we have an idea on how much food to have. Bring a dish to share if you can. We will have a flyer with a map & directions to John's place with phone# at the January Monthly Meeting.

PVCI 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT

by Larry S.

Congratulations to all our members and sponsors for a great Christmas fund raiser-food drive this year. We had about 110 people that attended, great food and friendship was plentiful for all. We would like to thank all of our club members that contributed items to our live and silent auction as all items were greatly appreciated. We especially like to thank Steve L., Scott B., Tricia Y., Brent F., Kendall E., Cindy & Larry S., Janice and All F. for all their hard work. We greatly appreciate our major donors that make all this possible, without their help it would really be hard to make this such a great evening. Sportsman's Warehouse, Cabela's, Houge Inc., White Oak Armament, Continental Divide Knives just to mention a few. There are too many to list here. Please support and recommend these various companies whenever you can to friends and family. Thanks to John Toner, Ray Etridge, Jim Chaney and Gregg Knaff for the knives that were made and donated to the club for our raffle. This is our biggest event of the year and we thank all for helping out. Happy Holidays to all....



THANK YOU CONTRIBUTORS to the PPCI Christmas Party!!!

by Larry S.

We greatly appreciate our major donors that make all this possible, without their help it would really be hard to make this, such a great evening. Sportsman's Warehouse, Fletcher's Tire & Auto, Guns Plus, Alpen Optics, Cabela's, Houge Inc., White Oak Armament, Effus Ranch, Continental Divide Knives, Western Taxidermy, just to mention a few. There are too many to list here. Please take the time to thank all of the contributors throughout the year when you shop their business.



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To the Many
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make our
Christmas
Party
Special

Gary A. says
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ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO MARCH 28-29, 2015

This years Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 28-29, 2015 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility just west of I-17 on the Carefree Highway in Phoenix. This Event will transform the Shooting facility into the largest hands-on Outdoor Expo in Arizona with outdoor fun and adventure for the entire family! Admission & parking to the Event will be totally free! You will have a unique opportunity to test pistols, rifles & shotguns & archery equipment on the range plus talk to the manufacturer's reps. Shooters can also learn more about competitive shooting & enjoy some of the specialty ranges not normally open to the public. There will be demonstrations on speed shooting and skeet shooting plus they will have many workshops & exhibition booths displaying the shooting, hunting & fishing sports. You can also test drive the latest ATV's and don't forget the catch & release fish tank. **PVCI** will have a booth at this event. Volunteers are needed. We will be selling Raffle Tickets for our **New PPCI 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**

(NAFA) NORTH AMERICAN FUR AUCTIONS www.nafa.com

Trappers & Predator Callers, We would like to introduce ourselves; Cindy & George Se. WE are the new receiving agents for the Southwest United States for North American Fur Auctions. This is very exciting news for all trappers & predator callers across the SW. You will now be able to get your furs to NAFA without the expense of shipping & insurance costs. Attached is a schedule for our routes for the 2014/2015 season. You may also view this by visiting:

<http://www.nafa.ca/wild-fur/shipping-to-nafa/us-pickup-schedules>

Next year we hope to expand these routes extending them further into your state & providing additional service to as many trappers as possible. If you are unable to meet us one of the pickup locations, you can still ship to the address below or drop your fur off, which will allow you the convenience of saving on shipping expenses & not having to ship across the country!

We are very excited about this great news for all trappers & callers as we take very seriously every dollar saved is more in your pocket!

All your furs will be tagged & checked in as well as insured upon receipt, just like when they are received in Stoughton, WI. You will receive your receipt the moment your fur is picked up, dropped off and/or received via shipping.

For those shipping to NAFA in the past, if you have not received you're your mailing from NAFA with this exciting news, it will be arriving shortly. If you have any questions or we can help you in any way please do not hesitate to give us a call. We look forward to meeting you and creating a long lasting relationship by servicing you on behalf of the largest and most successful auction house in North America.

Sincerely, George & Cindy SE P.O. Box 762 47300 N. Lion Canyon Road Seligman, AZ. 86337 480-390-0723
AZTrapperers@gmail.com

PVCI Monthly “GUN” RAFFLE

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.**

Steve L will call you and tell you where and when you can pick up your Firearm.

The Gun for January will be a Savage Axis .223 Camo with 3x9 Scope.

The Gun for February will be a Taurus .357 Stainless Revolver.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 31 – All bear, bighorn & crow seasons end.

Jan. 1 – Happy New Year! Archery Javelina/Deer Seasons open in many Hunt Units. Buffalo in 12A. Check Hunt Regs.

Jan. 5 – Late dove season closes statewide.

Jan. 6 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (Nominations) We will have Raffle Tickets for the NEW PVCI RAFFLE! 5 Great Prizes, Tickets \$1 each, 25 for \$20. Drawing in May.

Jan. 10 & 11- Cabela’s Predator Days/Varmint Calling Contest- Products, seminars, demos both days! A great time to promote Varmint Calling, Ken could use some volunteer help. Cabela’s gives all volunteers \$10 for lunch plus employee discount for the day. Varmint Calling Contest starts at 1:00 PM Saturday.

Jan. 10-11 – PVCI Monthly Hunt! Jan. 11 – Mountain Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season ends.

Jan. 16-17 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. (602) 942-3000.

Jan. 17-18- John Toner Fun Hunt/Get Together. Go hunt then meet at John’s house near Haigler Creek for food & fun.

Jan. 21 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Jan. 22 – Archery Javelina Season ends except in Hunt Units 25M, 26M & 38M. Check your Hunt Regulations.

Jan. 22-25- Juniors Javelina Camp in 20C. Junior Javelina & Beginner Small Game Camp in Unit 37A.

Jan. 23- Juniors Only Spring Javelina Season opens. Check your Hunt Regulations.

Jan. 24 – Annual Multi-Club Hunt that pits our Predator-Calling Club against the other Predator Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. The CHECK-IN LOCATION will be at the gate, Southeast side of 71 where the Double Steel Power lines cross the highway, North of US 60 about 12.5 mile, south of US93 approx. 5.1 miles.

Jan. 25 – Desert Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Seasons ends.

Jan. 31 – All Archery Deer Seasons plus Archery Javelina Season in Hunt Units 25M, 26M & 38M ends.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 – Youth Only Desert Zone Waterfowl Season. Check your Hunt Regulations.

Feb. 3 - This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (Nominations)

Feb. 6 – H.A.M. Javelina Seasons open most Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regulations.

Feb. 6-7 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma, 9140 E. 28th Street, (928) 342-0091

Feb. 8-9 – PVCI Monthly Hunt (H.A.M. Hunt) Extra Points for using Archery (Triple points), Handgun/ Muzzleloader (Double points). Regular points for using rifle or shotgun.

Feb. 8 – All Quail Seasons end.

Feb. 10 –(Proposed?) **DRAW DEADLINE** for the 2015 Elk & Antelope Applications. 7:00p.m. Check Hunt Regs.

Feb. 12-15 – Women’s Javelina H.A.M. Hunt Camp - For women **new** to hunting who want to learn how to hunt javelina. Food, gear & mentors provided for novices. SW Tucson area Units 36A, B, C. Register: Amanda@coueswhitetail.com

Feb. 14-16 – Youth Trappers Camp – Certified trapper’s class for youth 10-17 followed by hands-on practice. Supplies provided. Prim. Camping, some meals. Chauncey Ranch. www.southwestfurharvesters.com Bob R. 928-532-5776.

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

Feb. 19-22 – International Sportsmen’s Expo (ISE) at the Arizona Cardinals Stadium. Lots of outdoor-related activities.

Feb. 20 – Rifle Javelina Seasons open most of state. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 21 – ATA FUR SALE/Auction: Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. Mike H. 480-970-5904. More info inside.

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

Mar. 3 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (Nominations)

Note: **ANYONE CAN COME TO THE PVCI BOARD MEETINGS.**

*****NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** The shipping label on this Newsletter provides your personal membership expiration month & year on the same line as your name in the form of MM-YY (i.e., 02-15 for February 2015 expiration). If Membership is NOT current it will be noted in RED letters on the shipping label. 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 new Membership Chairman Allan F. at (602) 999-5651. Renewal Fees help the Club!

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Frank D., Tyler H., and Gregory N. **MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 161**

**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR PVCI OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS
(ELECTIONS IN APRIL)**

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

Vice-President: Assist the President in running the meetings & business, also in charge of all meetings in the absence of the President.

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 Officers & Board approval & submit proof of all mailings. This person needs to have some **PVCI** letterhead in his possession. This person assumes the President's position in case of emergency or the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

Recording Secretary: Accurately records all club minutes at both the regular and board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date and place and time of the meeting, a list of the officers and directors present plus any motions or amendments. Keeps this record in a safe place and is able to furnish past minutes if needed.

Treasurer: Receives all dues and other funds coming into the club then deposits them to the 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 club handbook. Located on PVCI Website <http://www.pvci.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| <p>Happy Birthday Day Craig B. 66 on Jan 12</p>  | <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Rebecca & Mike F. Married 33 years Jan. 28</p>  | <p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Gary A. & Ginger M. Married 17 years Feb. 28</p>  |
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JAVELINA HUNTING THE EASY WAY by Nick C.

The shrill scream of the varmint call shattered the early morning stillness. Suddenly three dark objects broke out of a wash 250 yards away. They were three nice javelina that were headed straight for us on a dead run!

It was the last day of the 1969 javelina rifle season and Lee Henry & myself were perched halfway up a small hill where I was calling these little gray ghosts of the desert.

I continued blowing on the call, as the pigs had not slowed down. Twice I ran out of wind but I didn't dare stop for I didn't want the pigs to lose interest. The lead pig was a big boar & I saw Lee raise his rifle as they charged in from about 30 yards out. A shot rang out & the big boar toppled. It was then that I dropped my varmint call & took a bead on the second pig that was now veering across. I fired & my pig also went down. At that time Lee commented, "Boy, this calling sure beats walking them up." This was a very valid comment on this particular day for it was only 7:45p.m. in the morn.

I certainly don't profess to be an expert in calling Javelina but I will pass on a little bit of information that I have picked up on the subject during the past few years.

First of all, where should someone go to call for pigs? The thing to do is to look for a place where there is a good concentration of pig sign. By sign I mean tracks, droppings and shredded prickly pear cactus. Once you do find a place that has heavy sign then look for a small hill. Hills are very good to call from because if javelina do respond, you can spot them a lot sooner than you can from a stand on flat terrain. If there are no hills but instead there are brushy thickets, then make your stand a short way from a thicket & call into it. I saw Lee Henry call in 11 javelina in this manner last New Years Day.

I really can't say what is the best technique to use in calling javelina. I guess it depends upon what theory you believe as to why they come in to a varmint call. One theory is that they think that they hear a baby javelina in trouble. So therefore, they rush over to help it. If you believe this theory then you should make your call sound like a screaming little pig.

The other theory is that they come to a call out of pure curiosity. I tend to believe this latter theory, for the times that I have called them or seen them called by others, we called no different than we did when calling for coyotes. So I believe that if you have had any success calling coyotes then you should probably use the same technique for javelina.

Another point that I have experienced several times & have had confirmed by others is that it seems that if you don't get javelina in during the first five minutes of calling that they probably won't come at all on that particular stand. Some time ago, I was on a varmint calling excursion with Jerry P. Vice-President of the Phoenix Club, when Jerry called in 14 of the bouncy pigs. They came in during the first 30 seconds of his initial call. I'd suggest not staying on stand over 10 minutes.

One other tip is that if you have javelina coming in, don't stop calling! Even if you run out of wind, catch your breath as quickly as possible & continue. Many times if you stop the pigs also stop & may not come in any further or even go away. This piece of information was passed on to me by Marion M. well known guide, who's called in hundreds of javelina.

Another statement that Marion made is that it is not always advantageous to call. In fact he said that many times pigs will run in the opposite direction. So if you are walking and you happen to spot javelina, you have to decide whether you want to stalk them or whether you want to call, since there is a possibility of scaring them with the call.

I realize that there are many more experienced callers than myself that will disagree with some of these ideas but these tips have been helpful to me and I hope they are helpful to you. Good Calling!

JAVELINA HUNTING SEMINAR at FEBURARY MONTHLY PPCI MEETING!!!!

The speaker will be Dennis Fogle of the Arizona Game & Fish
February 4th at 7:00 PM Lodge #2, 12851 N. 19th Avenue
All Meeting are open to the Public and are Free.



Happy Birthday Day
Scott B. 66 on Jan 1



Orion and Hal L.



FUR PREP DAY – MARCH???

There seems to be a lot of interest in learning how to “put up” or process your own furs and why not? The furs from the pelts that we harvest are a valuable resource. On Fur Prep Day we go through the process of preparing the frozen pelts that we have collected for the Auction or Tannery. We usually take the pelts out to thaw the night before and then meet over a volunteer’s house to do the work. This is an excellent time to learn how to prepare a pelt, as we will teach you the necessary steps so that you will have the knowledge to do your own or teach others. Steps such as fleshing a pelt on a fleshing board, sewing up holes & learning how to use a fur stretcher.



Map & Directions We will have a flyer with a map and directions to Scott’s place with phone# at the **PVCI** Feb/March Monthly Meetings.

PVCI has some Fur Prep tools such as aprons, fleshing boards, fleshing knives, sewing needles & dental floss. Do bring your own tools plus extra knives & 5-gallon buckets. **PVCI** will provide lunch & refreshments at this Event. **PVCI** encourages you to utilize the resource. These pelts will likely be tanned & come back soft & beautiful. Pelts donated to the Club go into the General Fund to help pay for the Club’s operating expenses such as rent, trophies, your fur handling education, insurance, Club t-shirts & caps, etc.



MY LAST CALLED/SHOT COYOTE by Eddie M.

I really wanted to share the story of my last coyote kill because I believe that it may be of benefit to many of you as you work on your own varmint calling careers. What happen has happen to me before however it had been a while & I was so convinced otherwise that I almost didn’t do something that you should ALWAYS do.



It was the third day of my bighorn sheep hunt in Northern AZ. and I woke up to a very thick fog. Glassing was useless, the day was young, what is an admitted predator calling nut to do? Why go calling of course! I had even heard coyotes howling on the other side of a small hill that separated me from the sage flats. I checked the wind, loaded the shotgun & headed over that hill staying low. I noticed a few coyote tracks here & there & sat my stool next to some kind of taller-than-sage bush & where I had a clear view in front of me. I was wearing a camo shirt that Les Johnson of TV fame had given to me at an Arizona Trappers Assoc. Convention many years ago where he was one of the featured speakers. I probably also spoke about or did something to help the Event. The shirt was kind of big and I remembered that he apologized when he gave it to me but it was all he had left & he wanted to give me something. The colors seemed a little light for me to use here in the deserts, etc. so I really hadn’t used it until now & the bigger size was perfect for the layering system I had on for the cold plus the colors blended in up here. I did one quick surprise-type squall in jackrabbit on the FoxPro bite-down call then stayed quiet as I counted to 180. On about 120, I first see, then hear a coyote coming on a dead run across the flats, I mean just coming all out. Though coming in my direction, it was a little off & about 35 yards to my right. I let it get almost even then, because it was on my off-side, slowly stood and shot twice. The coyote just kept on running giving absolutely no indication that it was hit! I watched in disbelief as it ran across the flats and up over the small hill towards my truck. I guess I must have missed? I sat down and did some more calling then gathered everything up and headed back to the truck. The hard running coyote tracks were clearly visible in the sand and just before the hill I started to follow them, figuring I might as well check to see what it did. I noticed that one paw was going deeper than the others. That did seem a little odd but there was no blood, oh well? I followed the tracks over the hill for a short distance and was actually surprised to see a dead coyote just laying there on top of the sand! Right before where it laid you could see where it had fallen & skidded into a nearby bush then got up, took a few steps & died. There was one bubble of frothy lung blood on the top side.

I had hit the coyote & to think that the only reason I even went to follow the tracks was because it went in the direction that I was headed anyway. The Moral is obvious: Go & check your shots! I’m also becoming a fan of the long pause after the initial calling series or two like Randy A., Larry S. & Ken E. often do.

WEBSITES FOR PREDATOR CALLING & HUNTING IN GENERAL

Interesting websites that may be of help to you in your predator calling career: www.pvci.org , www.predatorforums.com , www.wildlifecallers.com , www.predatorprofessionals.com , www.thearizonahunter.com The last website is looking for sponsors to help them continue sponsoring youth camps for young hunters. Donations will go towards organizing events, keeping the site going & for new gear such as hats, stickers & t-shirts. Please check them out & consider either a donation or help as a mentor. Spread the word about them.

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 2014/2015 AZ. Hunt Regulations. 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 **PVCI** member & often **wear my PVCI T-Shirt**. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked on hunting.

Jan. 2-4-Pintail Slough Junior Waterfowl Camp: Introductory event for families & **new** hunters. Waterfowl hunting for Juniors, shotgun shooting, safety, 3D archery, more. Havasu Nat. Wildlife Refuge. AZGFD, Register: bmauer@azgfd.gov

Jan.16-18- SFL Archery Javelina Hunt: Young archers & their parents will be mentored on bowhunting for javelina. Camping, more. Location: Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Unit 20B/26M. Register: www.sflarizona.org joedarago@me.co

Jan: 22-25 - Juniors Javelina Camp in 20C: Learn to javelina, other activities. Campout, food provided. Host Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com **Junior Javelina & Beginner Small Game Camp.** Camp with other hunters & Wildlife Mngrs & learn tips to hunt quail, jackrabbits (all ages) and predators plus javelina for Youth with 37B tags. Location: Florence area. Some meals. Info. John McGehee, JMcgehee@azgfd.gov 520-628-5376.

Jan. 23-25 – Becoming an Outdoors Woman: Women 18 & up can learn about hunting, fishing, archery, Dutch-oven cooking & more. Fee required. Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch. Register: awf@azwildlife.org or call 480-644-0077.

Feb. 12-15-Women's Javelina H.A.M. Hunt Camp - For women **new** to hunting who want to learn to hunt javelina. Food, gear & mentors provided for novices. SW Tucson area Units 36A, B, C. Register: Amanda@coueswhitetail.com

Feb. 14-16 – Youth Trappers Camp – Certified trapper's class for youth 10-17 followed by hands-on practice. Supplies provided. Prim. Camping, some meals. Chauncey Ranch. www.southwestfurharvesters.com Bob R. 928-532-5776.

HUNT SCHEDULE

The following tentative Hunt Schedule is a guide to follow so you can hunt some of the upcoming organized hunts.

Jan. 10-11, 2015 **PVCI Club Hunt**

Feb. 7-8, 2015 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader (Extra Points) Hunt.

Jan. 24, 2015 Multi-Club Hunt (see below) Mar. 7-8, 2015 **PVCI Novice Hunt II** – must have novice in hunt team.

*****Jan. 24, 2015 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT** – This hunt pits our Club against the other predator-calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the “BEST” calling club in the state? We have lost this hunt the last 2 years. PVCI members, **if you hunt no other hunts this year, please hunt this one!**

PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

NOVEMBER MONTHLY HUNT: On this month 6 teams consisting of 11 members ventured forth to compete against each other. This time of year with trapping season starting, plus deer and both limited opportunity and junior elk seasons also going on, I am sure that a lot of members had other obligations. The Total harvest was 9 coyotes. The results:

1st Place: Craig B.

2nd Place: Ken E., Brent F.

3rd Place: Bob B., Terry J.

Total Harvest: 4 coyotes

Total Harvest: 3 coyotes

Total Harvest: 2 coyotes

DECEMBER (FUR) MONTHLY HUNT: On this Hunt the critters had to be skinned to be eligible. The late elk hunt for sure took some members away and at least one member had a bighorn sheep hunt plus some guys don't know how to skin. Still 8 teams consisting of 18 participants ventured forth. There had been a good rain a couple days before the Hunt and the 1st day was cloudy & overcast which is usually GOOD! The Total Harvest was 14 coyotes, 1 bobcat & 1 fox. Results:

1st Place: Craig B., Charles D. & John S.

2nd Place: Ken E., Larry S., Chris B.

3rd Place: Tyler H., Charlie I, Ryan

Total Harvest: 1 bobcat, 5 coyotes, 1 fox

Total Harvest: 7 coyotes

Total Harvest: 2 coyotes



Will H. w/coyote



Member w/coyote



Brent F. W /2014 Bull Elk (Story to come)!



Orion L. with Javelina

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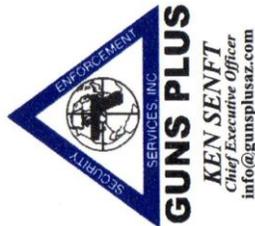
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