



**Presidents Message - Ken E.**

“And all had a good time” is what I enjoyed hearing after the Christmas Meeting! Thank you Ruth, James, Tessa, Scott, Allan, Brent, Cindi, Joan, John, Kendall, Corrina, Heather, Steve and all the Club Members (too many for my poor memory) who stepped up to make the night a success. It was great to see Bob B. accept his Member of the Year Award and I think I definitely surprised Steve L. with the President’s Award! They both deserved the recognition for their contributions to the Club. The Club did well on its fundraising with many Club Members donating goods or personal services. Again, **THANK YOU ALL for being there and supporting the Club!** President: Ken E.  
**P.S. I’m still looking for someone to accompany me to Yuma for the Hunting & Angling Working Group (H.A.W.G.) Meeting on Jan. 18-19. Call me at (602) 550-0449.**

**NEW PPCI RAFFLE!!!**

PVCI has a NEW FUND-RAISING RAFFLE with 5 Great Prizes! You can see the prizes listed on the Raffle Ticket picture below. These Raffle Tickets will be available for the January Monthly Meeting. These Raffle Tickets are ONLY \$1 each! You Need Not Be Present To Win & the Drawing is scheduled for May 18, 2014. PVCI members please try to sell as many of these Tickets as you can. We need the funds to pay for the Meeting Place Rental, Club Insurance, payment for the Gun-of-the-Month, PVCI locker, etc. These Raffle Tickets will probably sell themselves. The AZ. Game & Fish Expo on March 29-30 should also be a Great Place to sell Raffle Tickets!

**PHOENIX VARMINT CALLERS, INC.**

**\$1.00 2014 SPRING RAFFLE \$1.00**

**5 chances to win:**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> DPMS Sportical 5.56x45mm</b>                          | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ruger Camo 10/22</b>      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Remington 870 Express Magnum Home Defense Shotgun</b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Rancho Safari Ghillie</b> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> John Toner Custom Knife</b>                           |   |

**DRAWING MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Need Not Be Present To Win. For More Details Go To: [www.pvci.org](http://www.pvci.org)  
 Tickets are non-transferable and winner **MUST** be able to pass 4473 background check.



President’s Award  
 Recipient  
 Steve L.

Member of  
 the Year  
 Bob B.

2014 AZ Predator  
 Calling Champ  
 Jerry G.

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**YEAR 2014 MULTI-CLUB HUNT!!!**  
**REMINDER: MULTI-CLUB HUNT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 25, 2014**

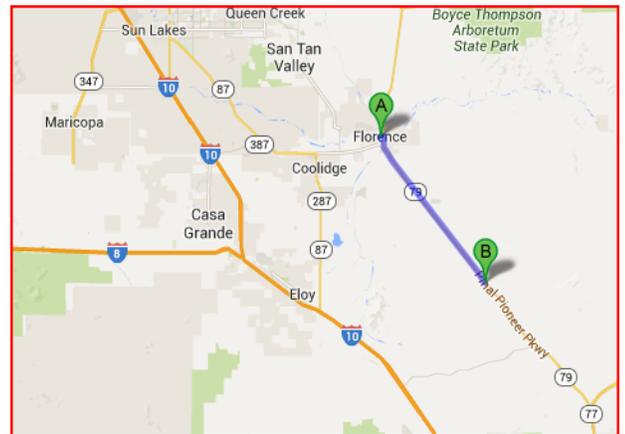
\*\*\***Jan. 25 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT** – This Hunt pits our Club against the other predator calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the “BEST” Varmint Calling Club in the state? In 2013 we had a draw & the winners were All those that survived the weather & made Check-in. Prior to then the Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) had won the rights the last few years & the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) are Always Good Competition. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! The Southwest Fur Harvesters from Tucson are also invited & used to dominate this Hunt years ago. They are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout. Hey Tucson, the check-in will be off of Freeman Road this year!

**PVCI members, we could use some more participation.** Even with the low numbers of us that show, 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!!!** **PVCI members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one!!!** It is only a 1-day Hunt. PVCI members are allowed to use electronics on this one day. **Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin & the matching carcass.** Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-10, fox-5. This is One-Day Hunt. Only critters harvested on this day in 2014 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 & possibly a Skinning Contest **IF** there are some willing participants. PVCI members again **we really need your help. We can win the Trophy back! THANKS in advance!**

**The check-in location will be approx. 1 mile from Hwy 79 (The Tom Mix Freeway) on Freeman Road. Freeman Road is on Highway 79 between Florence & Oracle Jct.**

Directions to Check-in location: Freeman Road is located on Hwy 79 between Florence & Oracle Junction. One way to get here would be to drive past the Superstition Mts to Florence Jct. Turn South onto Hwy 79 & travel to **(A)** Florence then stay on Hwy 79 & continue on towards Oracle Jct.. Turn left on Freeman Rd. **(B)** **(There is a green road sign with FREEMAN ROAD on it)** between the 96 Ranch Road & Oracle Jct. If coming from Oral Jct. turn right on Freeman Rd.

**(B)** **(There is a green road sign with FREEMAN ROAD on it)**  
**Freeman Rd is approximately 22 miles south of Florence and 20 miles north of Oracle Jct. on Hwy 79.**



**2013 ARIZONA STATE VARMINT CALLING CONTEST RESULTS** by Ken E.



Despite a sparse attendance, the Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. State Calling Contest was run and Places awarded on December 14 2013. The Glendale Cabela's store was the site of the Contest. Many thanks to Rich Higgins for running the Contest and to Dick Snell for being the other judge. In the Expert Division, PVCI member Jerry G. took First Place and the State Championship. Second Place was PVCI Vice-President Craig B. and the Third Place was PVCI & APC Ken E. In the Novice Division, First Place went to PVCI & APC member Joe P. Second Place went to APC member Jeff Hines and Third Place was PVCI member Scott B. The Contest consisted of 2 rounds, one a free-style and the other distress & coaxing combined. Cabela's deserves Many Thanks for hosting the Contest once again and for providing cash cards as prizes for every contestant. Thanks Cabela's!

2013 Arizona State Varmint Calling Champion – Jerry G.

**NEW GAME & FISH COMMISSIONER**

Governor Jan Brewer has appointed a new AZ. Game & Fish Commissioner. His name is James R. Rammons. James is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Yuma native & an avid outdoorsman. Some accomplishments are board member of the AEA credit union, Yuma Rod & Gun Club Board 2007, 2010 & President of Yuma Rod & Gun Club (2004-06), (2008-09). He has been in charge of multiple waterhole projects in co-op with AZGFD. James is a member of the AZ. Antelope Foundation, AZ. Mule Deer Assoc., Arizona Elk Society & the Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation. He is also a life member of Wild Sheep Foundation, Grand Slam Club, AZ. Bighorn Sheep Society & the Yuma Rod & Gun Club of which he was also their Member of the Year in 2010.

## MY DECEMBER CLUB HUNT STORY by Eddie M..

Why do I go on the PPCI Monthly Club Hunts? My main reason is because it's a lot of fun! Plus if you have partners, you are interacting with each other & learning. Why don't YOU hunt? What would it take to get YOU back out? Please share your stories with us. To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to [pvcigroup@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com)

Well It Happen Again! I was going out hunting on a PPCI Monthly Club Hunt all by myself, Again! There had been 2 proposed members, one could go & the other would let me know. The one that could go called me first. He'd been reminded about an upcoming birthday party. It is better to not go hunting & keep the wife happy & house warm than go hunting & come home to an unhappy wife & cold house. The other member couldn't make it either. Now in these situations I try to think of who can I call on such Short Notice who would be able too get away with no problem? I can think of some members to try now but back then? The weather was also supposed to get BAD as a BIG Cold Front was sweeping down bringing snow up high & rain below on Saturday night. That meant that Saturday while the storm was blowing in, it would probably be blowing pretty good. Strong winds are good for duck hunting but not for predator calling/hunting.

There was a (new to me) area I had in mind where I'd called in a fox the month before & had a gun malfunction. This area is pretty thick & on that hunt, I crawled through, found an opening & used my Scery AP-6 bite-down call. I've never had any luck with this call but practicing in the truck I seemed to make a sound that might work. When the gray fox showed at 6 steps I was ready & pulled the trigger, Nothing! It's not the safety, try again, Nothing! Maybe it's not all the way closed, I undo & quietly close the pump action & try again, Nothing! Then the fox left. I unloaded the shotgun & played around until I got the trigger to finally go click. Then called again & had another fox show up. This time the gun went Boom however the fox still got away as it saw me move & got the jump on me.

I headed towards this (new to me) area the next morning. It took most of the day to get there as I stopped & called likely looking places along the way. I had a coyote sighting at one of these stops. As the day progressed, the wind got stronger yet since this was a competition hunt, I kept hunting. It was already the early evening when I finally hit the road where I wanted to be. It is kind of treacherous getting back into this place (not for the faint of heart or scared of heights people). As the elevation is up there a bit, there was a chance that it might snow. Did I really want to drive out of this place in snow or worse ice on the mountain path? These were my thoughts as I drove in deeper & deeper into nowhere.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> stand here, even though the wind was wrong I went to the non-windy side of the hill. My calling made a nice Coues Whitetail buck get up & slowly leave the area. He didn't want to be where the sound was. This same thing also happened earlier in the year on a hunt with member Len W. Nothing happen. Then I found quail & killed a couple.

The light was fading & I still wanted to be deeper in so I hurriedly drove in to where I really wanted to be. Okay, I'm here & there is only time for one stand. I set up & call, there I hear a fox screaming at me however it is a no show. Now do I risk it & stay or leave? It starts to rain & the distant mountains have disappeared in snow clouds. I decide to stay & find a place to sleep that isn't too far from where I want to be. While cleaning the quail the wind is cold & strong. It will snow, just how much? I slept by getting into the sleeping bag & leaning back on the truck seat. The wind was fierce that night & just rocked the truck & it did sleet/snow. By the way I had a different shotgun. It was Shorty, my Mossberg 500.

MY FAVORITE TIME to hunt for foxes is the day after an all night storm of some type. This is what I woke up too. Directly across from me was a BIG canyon. Things were still a little windy & everything was wet. The snow was down to mostly crystals on the ground. I walked past the head of the canyon to a place where instead of steep drop offs, there was a slope that 4 legs could travel. I did a stand-up stand next to a big rock & used the Pee Wee. It was high-pitched & pierced the wind. I'd been there a good 15 minutes when I saw the fox coming hard below & to the right. I'd just put the shotgun to my cheek when it rounded the corner of a rock & came into full view. The head-shot knocked it back down the hill. The rest of the morning was spent trying other stands with no success. I skinned the fox & headed back to where I wanted to be. Remembering the fox the night before I approached from a different direction walking way back to get on the hill it had probably screamed from. The Scery AP-6 was used. At first high-pitched, then I switched to a gravelly sound. This fox also runs in but angles for the wind when close & disappears behind a bush. Then it pops out & I kill it. Big male gray fox 42" from nose to tail tip! Pictures are taken to honor the animal, then it's back to the truck & to the next stand where I make my way into the thick stuff & call an opening. The fox pops out close, sees me quickly point & tries to back up but some branches stop it. It also dies (41" male). I keep calling & hear fox screams, then another fox hops onto a rock through the branches. I quickly point & kill a branch. This fox hops off the rock & runs into the brush 2 seconds after the shot. The next stand is again in an opening in the thick stuff. The AP-6 works again. A fox runs out, sees me, then quickly turns & heads back where it came from as I shoot. I keep calling & I just see a fox that had been sneaking in towards me turn around & jump back into the brush at the exact spot where I'd just shot. Then the fox screams begin. It gets close then moves away, then comes back. I finally move closer when it's away & find a fox lying dead where I had shot earlier. I did get that one! That's a different fox. I quit the stand. I've gotta get out of here. It is 5:30p.m. on the Fur Hunt & I have 3 foxes to skin & a distance to go! Well I did get 2 of them skinned however I didn't make the check-in. I needed maybe another 10 minutes. Don't kill all the critters, leave some seed. I only touched the area.

## PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT by Eddie M.



Wow, What A Night! That was my impression of the Annual PVCI Christmas Party/Raffle/Auction that was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Wow, what a selection of prizes we ended up having for the night also! Double Thanks to Ruth for all she did & Thanks also to Scott B. for lending a hand & all of YOU out there. PVCI Members really have giving hearts. Speaking of Giving, the Totals for the "Dave Kardos Memorial:" Food Drive for 2013 was 1681 lbs. of food & liquids. Wow, wow, wow, did we also have some food & desserts for the Potluck! The food went fast too, by the time I got to the line, a lot was already gone. I ended up bringing 15 Filiberto's tacos w/salsa and didn't even get to eat one. They just vanished onto people's plates (smile). It was good to see the various members & their families. Some of these family members you only see this one time of year. Often the kids change by growing while the adults have the same good smiles on their faces. Yes, the Christmas Party was a particularly good one this year and if you missed it, you missed out! Thanks to Brent F.

for once again being the auctioneer for the Live Auction. He helped the Club to have a prosperous night which was needed. Thanks also to John & Joan T., Kendall E., Corinna G., Heather, Cindi F., the Strangs, all of them but **DOUBLE** to Ruth, Scott B., Steve L. with the Gun Raffle and all of those I can't think of. THANK YOU!!!

Steve L. who procures the guns that we get for the Gun Raffle every month won the President's Award & past Hunt Chairman Bob B. won the Member of the Year Award. Both were very surprised and both are very deserving. Bruce E. ended up winning the AR-15 Rifle. He was just a little happy & surprised also!

Here is hoping that All of YOUR Christmas Holiday Stuff went smoothly and hope your 2014 will be better than 2013.



## PVCI THANKS THESE CONTRIBUTORS by Ruth S.

### THANKS TO THESE CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTRIBUTORS

The times seem to be getting tougher & tougher for everybody yet asking for donations is part of what we must do. The response, especially this year was very spotty. These are the sporting companies &/or organizations and individuals that said YES to donate something to our PVCI Christmas Party. When deciding in where to make your purchases throughout the year, please remember this list. May the names that are on it stand out in your mind & influence your purchase. For them & also for you members that donated items, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!** Without **YOU**, well the results would have been different. Thanks Again!

#### Support our Christmas Sponsors

Alpen Optics	Az Waterfowl	Battenfeld Technologies	Bell and Carlson
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Orangewood Rv center	Ride now Motor Sports	Sands Cheverlet	Wide World of Maps
Front sight Institute Firearms training			

#### Club Members Who Donated Items

Larry S	John Toner	Jerry Gollubier	Ray Everidge
Tommy Martin	Eddie Murdock	Brent Fisher	Gary A. McGraw
Jay Nistettler	Dan Schoenfeld		



### ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOORS EXPO – MARCH 29-30, 2014

This years Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 29-30, 2014 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 raffling off Raffle Tickets for our New PVCI 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. & Sunday from 9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M. **For more information about this weekend, visit [www.azgfd.gov/expo](http://www.azgfd.gov/expo)**

## **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 held that evening & some Lucky Person will win! **All winners MUST be able to fill out & pass a background check.** Firearms can be picked up at The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121. Ask for Steve L.  
The Gun for January will be: Savage Model 11 Hunter XP pkg. Includes 22.250 w/ 22" blue barrel/ synthetic stock  
**The Gun for February will be: TAU Model 66 .357 Magnum 6 Inch Barrel Matte Stainless Finish 7 Round**  
Someone is going to WIN!!! Will it be you? Remember there is NO LIMIT to the amount of tickets that may be purchased.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*\*\* Members remember that you are welcome to attend the Board of Directors Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Meeting is located at 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2, in Phoenix, AZ. Start time is 7:00p.m.**

**Jan. 1 – Happy New Year!** Archery Javelina & Deer Seasons open. Buffalo Season (House Rock) opens. Check Hunt Regs.

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

**Jan. 10-12 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix, 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. (602) 942-3000.**

**Jan. 11-** Cabela's Predator Days- Products, seminars, demos! A great day to promote varmint calling. If you are not doing the Club Hunt, Ken could use some volunteer help. Cabela's gives you \$10 for lunch plus employee discount for day.

**Jan. 11-12 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!**

**Jan. 12 –** Mountain Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season ends.

**Jan. 15 -** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

**Jan. 23 – Archery Javelina Season ends.**

**Jan. 24-26 – JRS. Only Spring Javelina Season opens. Check your Hunt Regs. BOW at Saguaro Lake Ranch 480-644-0077**

**Jan. 25 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT-** Check-in approx. 1 mile down Freeman Road from the Tom Mix Highway (Hwy. 79).

Jan. 26 – Desert Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Seasons ends.

Jan. 31 – All Archery Deer Seasons close.

**Feb. 1-2 – Juniors Only Desert Zone Waterfowl Season. Check your Hunt Regs.**

Feb. 4 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (Nominations )

Feb. 7 – H.A.M. Javelina Seasons open most Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 7-8 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma, 9140 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, (928) 342-0091

**Feb. 8-9 – PVCI Monthly Hunt (Double Hunt Points only for using Handgun, Archery or Muzzleloader?) We'll see?**

Feb. 9 – All Quail Seasons end.

Feb. 11 – **DRAW DEADLINE** for the 2014 Elk & Antelope Applications. 7:00p.m. Can buy online but must have printer

Feb. 13-16 – Women's Javelina H.A.M. Hunt Camp - For women who want to learn how to hunt javelina, outdoor skills, group camping, have fun, food provided. SW Tucson area Units 36A, B, C. Register: [Amanda@coueswhitetail.com](mailto:Amanda@coueswhitetail.com)

**Feb. 15 – ATA FUR SALE/Auction: Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ.** Mike H. 480-970-5904. More info inside.

Feb. 15-17 – 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](http://www.southwestfurharvesters.com) Bob R. 928-532-5776.

Feb. 19 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Feb. 20-23 – International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at the Arizona Cardinals Stadium. Lots of outdoor-related activities.

**Feb. 21 – Rifle Javelina Seasons open most of state. Check your Hunt Regs.**

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

Mar. 4 – This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (Nominations)

**\*\*\*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 MMM-YY (i.e., FEB-12 for February 2013 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 Member-ship Chairman James S. or his wife Ruth S. at (602) 524-3586 or (602) 820-5142. Renewal Fees help the Club!

**Membership Count:** 189 Members **48 Members Past Due!**

**Welcome New Member:** Mark D., Justin D., Jon G., Cory H., Gil M., Jan N., Keith N., James Se., David W., James Sp.

**MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING – WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR YOUR CLUB?  
PVCI CLUB ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN APRIL  
 YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!!!**

You don't have to be a political person or wear a suit and tie. You DO have to care about the sport of varmint calling & PVCI & want to get involved and want things to matter. Also you DO need to be able to show up at 2 Meetings per month instead of just one. Interested even a little bit? Please look over the list below. EVERY position listed is up for re-election. They say that there are 2 types of people in every organization, those that DO things and those that DON'T. Why is it that the smaller of the 2 groups always seems to be those that DO things? **April is election month for PVCI & this year as in every year you the member have a unique opportunity to nominate those that you believe can make a difference for the continuance & betterment of the Club. Don't forget that if you believe that you are that person, then please STAND UP & NOMINATE YOURSELF!**

**The Club Bylaws read:** The officers of this club shall consist of a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. There is also the board of directors. The officers and board of directors shall be elected from the membership, by the membership, at the regular membership meeting in April of each year. These are the positions and the duties that the various positions entail:

**President:** The Head Honcho, the Main Man. Responsible for running both the regular club meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting and shall direct the activities of this Club.

**Vice-President:** Assist the President in running the meetings and 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 all documents prior to mailing for officer & board approval and 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 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 and through as I could. Hopefully I didn't get anything too wrong. To view a complete list of the officer and board of director duties, look at your club handbook. Located on PVCI Website <http://www.pvci.org>**

 <p><b>Outdoor Experience 4 All</b>          Changing Lives One Adventure at a Time!</p> <p>Hunters, do not forget that if for whatever reason, you have a big-game tag that you cannot use, that you can donate that tag to Outdoor Experience 4 all. This group takes terminally ill kids hunting. See their website: <a href="http://www.theoutdoorexperience.org">www.theoutdoorexperience.org</a></p>	 <p><b>Magnum Mikes</b>          Custom Guns &amp; Gunsmithing</p> <p><b>Mike Korstang</b>          Master Gunsmith          P: 602-793-5000          F: 623-776-7177          E: <a href="mailto:MagnumMikes@cox.net">MagnumMikes@cox.net</a>  <a href="http://www.MagnumMikes.com">www.MagnumMikes.com</a></p>	<p><b>TIRED OF FAD DIETS &amp; UNREALISTIC CLAIMS?</b></p> <p><i>Take Shape For Life is the answer!          Lose up to 2-5 pounds per week with this clinically proven, safe, and effective program.</i></p> <p><b>Call me to get started today!</b></p> <p> Chris Moffitt RN  <a href="http://www.CMoffittRN.TSFL.com">www.CMoffittRN.TSFL.com</a>          602 332 6577 NO CONTRACT</p> <p> Take Shape For Life          A Health Coach is not a substitute for a physician or qualified medical practitioner for monitoring those using "Weight" Meals. Consult your physician before starting a weight-loss program.</p>
		

## ARIZONA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) FUR SALE on FEB. 15, 2014!!!

If You Have Furs To Sell - Call Early So That We Can Tell The Buyers How Many We Have- Call Mike 480-970-5904  
This is Mike Huffer, the Fur Manager for the Auction we are holding in Globe. I was hoping to get some information to the Predator Callers about the upcoming Fur Sale. The Sale is Feb. 15, 2014 at the Gila County Fairgrounds. The same place that we have had it for the last 20 years. Check-in is from Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> at noon to Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10A.M. We are still having a Live Auction & we plan on starting the Auction at 2P.M. The Auction is starting a little later this year, with the large number of furs expected, some buyers wanted more time to look at the bobcats.

I have been trying to get this one buyer to come to the Auction in the past. He would not because we would need 1000 bobcats to make it worth his time. We were short by only 120 last year. Fur numbers are what bring the buyers.

If anybody is interested in coming to the Auction, contact me with the number of furs they plan to bring. Do this early please. My phone (480) 970-5904 or email mjwildlife12yahoo.com The Sale was GREAT last year! \$1300 high on bobcat!

### HUNT SCHEDULE

The following tentative Hunt Schedule is here as a guide for you to follow so that you can plan to hunt some of the Organized Hunts coming up.

Jan. 8-9, 2014 PPCI Club Hunt	Feb. 19-20 – Save A Fawn Hunt (details try APC web)
<b>Jan. 25, 2014 Multi-Club Hunt (see below)</b>	Mar. 5-6, PPCI Club Hunt (Novice II Hunt)
Feb. 5-6, 2011 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader for extra points Hunt.	Mar. 5-6, 2011 Proposed date for the Antelope Eaters Hunt
	April 5, 2011 End of the 6-Month Hunt

\*\*\*Jan. 25, 2014 – 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! PPCI members, **if you hunt no other hunt this year, hunt this one!**

\*\*\* **If you're signed up for the 6-Month Hunt:** Then you'd better keep hunting your butt off. This Hunt started on the October Club Hunt & ends on April 3, 2014 at the April Monthly Meeting. All Proofs-of-kills need to be turned in by then. Turn in your Proof-of-kills to Hunt Chairman Alan F. He must physically see the Proofs before you get credit.

### PPCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

#### NOVEMBER MONTHLY HUNT:

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Ken E., Jose A. & JR  
Total: 1 coyote



2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Brandon G. & James B.  
Total: 1 Gray Fox



#### DECEMBER MONTHLY HUNT:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Craig B., Chuck  
Total: 1 Bobcat, 3 Coyotes

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bob B. & Terry J.  
Total: 4 coyotes

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ken E., Scott B, Larry S.  
Total: 1 coyote

This is the traditional “Fur Hunt” where the critters must be skinned to qualify. This was the weekend when the BIG Storm came through on Saturday (it got windy) dumping snow & rain over most of the state. I know of at least one other hunter, Eddie M. who killed 4 foxes but didn't make it to check-in in time.

### HUNT PICS



Gray fox-42” nose to tail tip  
Called/shot by Eddie M.-Dec.

One day's worth of gray fox  
Called/shot by Eddie M. –Dec.

Len W. w/ first called & shot  
on his own gray fox.

Vern & last day  
Unit 12B buck

## OKAY I'VE KILLED A PREDATOR, NOW WHAT???

(Some Ideas On What You Can Do With Your Fur)

by Eddie M.

CONGRATS! You finally called & killed a predator of some type. Now what do you do with it? Well there are a variety of things that you can do. Since many of us hunt in earnest mainly in the fall & winter and the fur of a predator is a valuable/beautiful resource, I lean on the side of trying to utilize that resource in some way. One skill that every caller should have in my opinion is the knowledge of how to at least skin a predator. These days there are enough DVD's, You Tube, etc. so that there is a step by step visual guide somewhere. Watching these over & over along with a trial run or two with an experienced person watching will put you well on the path to being successful. From here learning how to put up a raw pelt for the fur trade or the tannery is the next step. Some fur ideas include a fur coat, hat/cap, blanket, etc. If you are going to give the animal to the taxidermist, talk to them beforehand to see how they would like to have you handle the critter. Sooner or later you will be tempted to get a critter mounted in some fashion. This will be especially true should you kill one of the Big Predators like a lion or bear or an unusual like a ringtail, raccoon, badger, etc. Bobcats are also tempting to mount as are some coyotes & foxes. Taxidermy mounts can be either be full, half or shoulder. Rugs are another option.



Full Mount

Shoulder Mount

Rug

Sell Raw/Tanned Fur

**Raw Pelts: Fur prices are at some of the highest levels** I have ever heard of for some species. One example is Muskrat. Many years ago when I trapped in Ohio I got \$4 -\$4.50 for them, now they are worth more than \$10 each! The prices listed are from Fur-Fish & Game, the Dec. 2013 issue I believe. They are also for the biggest & best, your prices will vary  
Raw Fur Prices: **Bobcat:**\$500-\$600 w/select skins \$1000. Reddish \$300-\$400. Wide white bellies bring best prices.  
**Coyote:** Extra pale Montana/Dakota/Canada \$100 Brown backs \$40-\$60 Semi-Heavy \$25-\$40 **Muskrat:**\$10-\$12  
**Gray Fox:** Average \$30-\$40 **Kit Fox:**\$14-\$18 **Ringtail Cat:**\$14-\$16 **Beaver:**\$30-\$35 **Skunk:** Full White Stripe \$8-\$10  
**Badger:** Best pales \$100 Darker \$25-\$60 Bulk \$15 or Less **Raccoon:**\$15-\$20 **Brown Antlers:**\$8-\$10 LB

### LONG-DISTANCE YOTE by Tommy M.

On my October Coues hunt (story soon) I had been sitting & glassing for quite a while & hadn't seen anything. I was giving my eyes a break and just looking around when I saw something new in a small clearing. Now looking through my 10x42's, I see a coyote lying on its belly, just looking around with its nose to the wind. Well being the predator hunter that I am, I couldn't just let this fawn killer walk!

I ranged it at 172 yards. I set up my .270 Winchester Coyote Outback on it, got out my triple threat open reed varmint call and let out a couple squeals. It snapped its head in my direction immediately! I let out another squeal and when it got up and started towards me, I fired! I didn't miss. It dropped like a rock and didn't move again. I know that 172 yards isn't really long range for big-game but it is my longest shot yet for a dead coyote.



Tommy M. with  
Long-Distance Yote.

Tommy M.'s Full-Bodied  
Mount of another Coyote

P.S. Please share your stories. **To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter email [pvcigroup@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com)**

## 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 mentored events for beginners to help assure a positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on page 24 of the 2013/2014 AZ. Hunt Regs. You will note that there are even some events for the ladies. Visit [www.azgfd/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd/outdoorskills) for more information. **Also consider helping out at these Events as a Mentor. You will be fed & your help will be greatly appreciated. I go as a Phoenix Varmint Caller & wear my Varmint Caller T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help try and get someone hooked on hunting. GET INVOLVED!!!**

Jan. 18 – Wickenburg Youth target Shooting Event: Bring your kids to learn how to safely shoot archery, air rifles, .22 rifles & shotguns. Location: Wickenburg Shooting Range. Host: Wickenburg Shooting Club, Game & Fish. Info: Craig Heath, [cheath@azgfd.gov](mailto:cheath@azgfd.gov) or (928) 856-0764.

Jan. 24-26 – **Beginners Small Game & Junior Javelina Camp – Camp with other hunters & Wildlife Managers to learn tips on how to hunt quail & rabbits (all ages) & javelina for youth with 37B tags. Some meals provided. Location: Florence area Unit 37B. Hosted by AZ. game & Fish, Red Bear Outfitters. Register: Game & Fish, John McGehee (520) 628-5376.**

Jan. 24-26- YOU 20C Juniors Javelina Camp: Learn to locate & hunt javelina in the area, other outdoor activities, campout, food provided. Location: Hillside, Unit 20C. Hosted by Youth Outdoors Unlimited. [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

Feb. 13-16 – Women's Javelina H.A.M. Hunt Camp - For women who want to learn how to hunt javelina, outdoor skills, group camping, have fun, food provided. Located SW Tucson area Units 36A, B&C. Host: Coues Whitetail.Com AZ.

Chapter of safari club Int. Register: Amanda Moors (928) 200-0544 [Amanda@coueswhitetail.com](mailto:Amanda@coueswhitetail.com)

Feb. 15-17 – 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](http://www.southwestfurharvesters.com) Bob R. 928-532-5776.

Mar. 7 – 9 – Junior's Jackrabbit Kamp: Learn to hunt jackrabbits, other outdoor skills. Hunter Ed required, space limited to beginners, food provided. Tucson area, Three Points. Register: Karen Klima [kklima@azgfd.gov](mailto:kklima@azgfd.gov) (520) 975-6490.

## THE PREDATORS WORLD

By January the predator populations will be at their lowest level to date. Only those that have survived Mother Nature, human and other hunters and the highways still exist. Can a coyote be educated? I think that they can. If you survive one shot, you've earned a Diploma, two shots an Associate's Degree, 3 shots a Bachelor's Degree, etc. By January I believe there are some coyotes running around with PHD's. They have heard the sounds of both hand calls & electronic calling, smelled our human scent, heard the report of gunfire, have probably seen some others die and sometimes seem to kind of know the game. Can they still be harvested? Of course they can with the right sound or tactic on the right day. Breeding season (January-February) is fast approaching and it sometimes will seem like the coyotes have something other than food on their minds.

Bobcats breed at all times of the year yet in Arizona, the best bobcat harvesters that I know say they see more pairs of bobcats in December and January than at any other time of the year.

The foxes must also breed in January-February. I've seen the mostly developed pups from foxes taken in March. If they have a 63-day gestation period like a coyote, then count back and do the math.

It would seem that breeding season (finding a female) and then finding an eventual den site would help to make the predator more territorial. Remember this during your hunting forays. There is some good cold-weather fur out there now! There is a venue where you can sell your furs in Arizona. The Arizona Trappers Association or ATA have an Annual Fur Sale/Auction in Globe, AZ. IF they have enough furs. **The 2014 date is Feb. 15, 2014. Please let them know in advance how many furs you plan to bring to sell. Fur is BEAUTIFUL, utilize the resource! Call Mike H. 480-970-5904/mjwildlife12yahoo.com**

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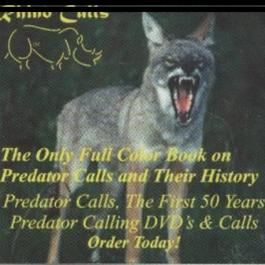
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