



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have hit that time of year that has me "jonesing" for my calling fix. The only treatment that alleviates the condition is working up new loads and prepping my equipment for the next season! Thank you Gary A. M. for your June meeting talk; everyone enjoyed you sharing your experiences. Now is the time to upgrade your equipment (hint, hint, July Swap Meet). Think about the George Knox Memorial Boot Camp, a class in calling basics and an actual tune-up (hunting) for the coming season. And, we feed you! Even if you think you're not experienced enough to mentor, you know more than you think you do, since the novices don't generally have a clue as to how we set up and react to situations. Think about it, good times and it will be in the 70's on the Rim, not 110 as in Phoenix. I want to thank Ruth and James for their work in the club; they have to pass on the hats/tee shirt duty, and I am glad to announce that Mike and Tricia are willing to take on the task for the good of the Club. Ruth and James went far beyond expectations by personally purchasing products until the club could afford to reimburse them. And I want to thank Larry S. for accepting the responsibility of running our Christmas party. I'm sure that he will have plenty of help from the rest of our membership.

Ken E. President, PVCI

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- * The NEW website to send stories, pictures, recipes, updates, etc. for this Newsletter has changed to **coyotecaller@cox.net** Please share your self with the other Club members.
- * The **July Monthly Meeting will be a Swap Meet** where you can purchase an 8 ft. table for \$10 & sale the extra outdoor, camping, etc. items you have lying around. The money you make is yours. There is even room for boats (there is the parking lot). www.sportsmancommunity.com
- * The **Arizona Trappers Assoc. (ATA) Convention** will be held July 18-19 at the Gila County County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. Miss Rodeo, AZ. is usually on hand to help w/festivities. This Event reminds me of a mountain man get together. Hunting & Trapping Seminars, Raffles, Auctions, friendly free competitions (pie-eating, ladies frying pan toss, etc.) where the winners can win money plus pick up some hunting & trapping supplies. Good Time & LOTS of Good Deals!
- *** Bear Hunting-The August speaker scheduled to be a local bear hunter talking about hunting bears.
- *** The **Annual PVCI Trail Clearing** is Aug. 9-10, 2014 with the work being done on the 9th. We maintain the See Canyon Trail. Potluck on Saturday night. Refreshments provided. Map inside.
- *** The **George Knox Memorial Predator Calling Boot Camp** will be held on Aug. 15-17, 2014.
- *****How would you like to receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on the computer instead of in paper form?** Let Membership Chairman Alan F. know either at Meeting or call 602-999-5651.

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Top 2014 PVCI/BBQ Shooters
Kendall E. & Gary A.M.



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PVCI Fishing Derby



PVCI Predator Calling Boot Camp
Aug. 15/16/17 Details Inside !!!



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PVCI SWAP MEET

WHEN: JULY 1, 2014 - 6:30P.M. TO 10:00P.M.

The PHOENIX VARMINT CALLERS, INC. Invites you to clean out your garage and bring that rod & reel you haven't used in years to the SPORTS SWAP! Pull out your tents, old camo, boots, bedrolls, camping equipment, campers and boats (we have space in the parking lot). Bring your reloading gear, archery gear, backpacks, tools and anything else collecting dust in your garage. Load it up and show up! The money you make is yours to keep!

RENT AN 8-FOOT TABLE FOR ONLY \$10.00. Tables are limited, so book early!

Get your tickets for our Gun Raffle at the Event! Yes an AR-15 will be raffled off! Raffle Tickets are \$5 each with No Limit to how many you can buy. Drawing that night! YOU MUST be able to pass a 4473 Background Check.

The SNACK BAR will also be open!

Where: 12851 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix (Lodge #2 between Cactus & Thunderbird)

For More Information or to Reserve a Table, Contact Ray E. ray@sportsmancommunity.com

P.S. FIREARMS can be sold. Please do the transfer off of the FOP Lodge property though.



Top Caller & Shooter



Top 6-Month Hunt Expert Team

PVCI TOP AWARDS FOR 2013 - 2014 SEASON

TOP CALLER (EXPERT): Gary A. M. – 210 points

TOP CALLER (NOVICE): Brandon G. – 20 points

TOP SHOOTER: Gary A. M. – 18 kills

6 – MONTH HUNT TEAM RESULTS (EXPERT)

1st Place: Craig B. & Charles D. - 260 calling points

2nd Place: Terry J. & Bob B. – 220 calling points

3rd Place: Ken E. – 20 calling points

6 – MONTH HUNT TEAM RESULTS (NOVICE)

1st Place: Brandon G. & James B. - 20 calling points

MONTHLY SCRAMBLE HUNT WINNERS

(Best of 7 for 7-Month Totals)

1st Place: Terry J., 2nd Place: Bob B., 3rd Pl

Top 5 PVCI Callers for the 2012-2013 season.

These are calling points for the 7- month (Sept. – March) totals.

- 1) Gary A.M. 210 points 13 coyotes, 2 bobcats, 1 fox,
- 2) Craig B. 190 points 16 coyotes, 1 bobcat
- 3) Eddie M. 110 points 2 coyotes, 9 foxes
- 4) Bob B. 110 points 5 coyotes, 1 bobcat, 3 foxes
- 5) Charles D.: 70 points 7 coyotes,

TOTAL CLUB HARVEST: 63 coyotes, 5 bobcats, 17 foxes, 1 racoon

Each of the Top Winners above also received one John Toner Knife. Hunt chairman Bob then raffled off the remaining John Toner Knives only to those members who participated in the 2013/2014 Monthly Scramble or Club Hunts. For every Hunt that you participated in, your name went into the Raffle that many times. If our name was pulled, you were a winner with a limit of 1 knife per person. This is at least the 5th year that PVCI has done this. The money that you pay (\$10) to enter the Monthly Hunts is what is used to pay for the knives.

For all those members that did participate, Thank You Very Much for participating in the Monthly Club Hunts! Also **THANK YOU** John Toner of Continental Knives for making these wonderful knives each year!!!



Best of 7 Hunts



Top 6-Month Hunt Novice Team



Blast from the Past

From the Dec 1974 Issue of Predator Tales By Shorty Lazok

During my five years as a varmint caller I have had the chance to use a large variety of predator calls. In search of the ultimate call I have, from time to time, purchased Circe, Weems, Thompson, Faulk and etc. And in addition, I have spent some time in my garage manufacturing some home brewed calls. All of these fine calls met with great success. However, last weekend while I was in the field I ran into an old gentleman operating a mining claim south of Jolly in the Club foot hills. During our course of conversation he mentioned to me that he, although belonging to no club, was a varmint caller in his own right. After a two hour ear bending session he introduced me to the ultimate call. I gingerly removed the relic from its finely tanned nauga hide bag and stared at it in utter disbelief. "Ge wenna haid, try it", he said. Carefully I placed my lips over the mouth piece and "R-R-R-Ripblas-z-z-z". "What the #\$\$%*! Was that", I exclaimed! "That sonny, he said, is the sound of a forty year old Phart". Well knowing that this old boy was a few bricks short of a load I humored him by telling him how great I thought it was. He went on to explain to me that the call was made in 1934 by the Phart Bros. and was given to him personally by the Old Phart himself. Out of respect for varmint callers, he tearfully presented the call to me as a gift and I gleefully retired to my camper. The next day I dauntlessly resumed my hunt and succeeded in using every call in my box to no avail. Retreating to the solitude of a big mesquite tree I began to ponder my frustrations while sipping on a can of suds. I remembered the old man and the hideous call and decided what the heck. All the rest of the afternoon I could do no wrong. Every stand I made with the old call produced. Gratiified, I walked back to my truck and as I drove away I decided that the old man was right. These's nothing like the healthy sound of a Phart.

From the March 1975 Issue of Predator Tales By Shorty Lazok

Last month I read an interesting article in the February issue of Outdoor Life magazine dealing with the skillful art of "Bugling Coyotes". To bugle up a dog, one must acquire an old bugle and an old P.S. Olt type duck call. The reed portion of the bugle must be disposed of keeping only the bell section. Then the reed from the duck call is inserted into said bell. By biting down on the last half inch or so of the protruding reed the pitch on the tone may be varied to suit the caller. The tone if executed properly should duplicate the "yodel" of the coyote. After you have mastered this feat you should be able to go into the field and bugle up a dog within gun or camera range. Well-I-I, this sounds good on paper but I didn't exactly find it rewarding. I made the goofy bugle and I took it into the field; but all I managed to call in was a score of howlers, one red tailed hawk who let me know what he thought of it by white washing the back of my camo shirt and two hunters one of which remarked to his pard, a "Who's the idiot stick with the sick bugle." Try it if you have the nerve; but I went whole nine yards and it just isn't my bag.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 4 ALL ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – JULY 12, 2014

Outdoor Experience 4 All (OE4A) is an Organization that takes children that have been diagnosed with a life threatening illness, disability and/or the children of our fallen heroes plus Wounded Veterans hunting, fishing, camping, boating, horseback riding & anything else that they wish to do in the Arizona Outdoors. They will hold their Annual Fundraiser at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel 1600 S. 52nd St. Tempe, AZ. The cost is \$75 per person or Sponsor Tables for 10 for \$800. This includes all-you-can-eat-dinner, dessert, water, sodas, beer & wine for the entire Event. There will be raffles, & a silent Auction for some great prizes. Times are from 4:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. The Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is usually drawn this night. For more information call Eddie Corona at (480) 529-8340 or website www.oe4a.org

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FOUNDATION-VALLET LONGBEARDS HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET!!!

The Valley Long Beards Chapter of the NWTF are having a Fun Fundraising Banquet on July 26, 2014 at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel 1600 S. 52nd St. Tempe. Tickets are \$75 each or \$115 per couple w/ 1 membership or \$150 per couple w/ 2 memberships. Kids 17 & under (jakes) are \$35. The doors open at 5:00p.m. Dinner is at 6:00p.m. For more information call Rich Williams at (602) 881-7292 or e-mail AZGobbler60@GMail.com Discount on Tickets if purchased before July 14.

PVCI AUGUST MEETING

THE ANNUAL BEAR HUNTING/CALLING MEETING

P.S. PVCI Webmaster Tommy M. has found a local bear hunter to come speak at our Annual August Bear Hunt Seminar! I do not know the guy's name as of this writing. It should be good! The Gun-of-the-Month for August is a **.308 Camo Savage Axis with a 3x9 Bushnell scope.**



ANNUAL "PVC I" CAMPOUT & BARBECUE REPORT

The 2014 PVC I Campout and Barbecue was held at Moqui Draw in the Coconino National Forest on May 17-18 and was attended by approximately 30 people. Unfortunately there were a lot less kids in camp this year. The Campout was a lot of fun! There was PLENTY of good food & desserts! I don't think that anyone went away hungry, as just about everything was eaten.

It was breezy at times but otherwise the weather was great. The shooting events were a lot of fun as we had a bunch of ties with resulting shoot-offs. To read about the details of the shooting events, ties, shoot-off's, etc. please refer to the PVC I website at www.pvci.org under the PVC I Campout & Barbecue Report Section.

After all of the shooting events, the drawing for the 5 Pack Raffle was held. The results were as follows: 1st Place winner of the DPMS AR15 was Jenna W., 2nd Place winner of the Ruger 10-22 was John T., 3rd Place winner of the Remington 870 shotgun was James C., 4th Place winner of the John Toner knife was Mike W. and 5th Place winner of the Rancho Safari Ghillie Suit was John T.

The Drawing for a John Toner Knife was also held at the Campout, Vice President Steve L. held the winning ticket!

I'd like to thank all the people who helped out with the events this year. Especially to Corinna for doing the scoring and also to Gary A.M. for bringing up the metal targets, Ken E. for bringing the grille, propane and picking up paint and camouflage tape and all the helpers that took turns spotting the fire line, setting up and painting targets, hanging the caution tape, picking up brass, setting up the tables for dinner and all the folks who brought either a main dish or dessert. THANKS!!! by Tommy M.



PVC I 2014 BARBECUE SHOOT RESULTS

WOMEN'S .22 RIFLE

- 1) Kendall E.
- 2) Corinna G.

MEN'S .22 RIFLE

- 1) Gary A. M.
- 2) Tom D.
- 3) Ken E.

WOMEN'S .22 PISTOL

- 1) Kendall E.
- 2) Taylor G.
- 3) Corinna G.

MEN'S .22 PISTOL

- 1) Gary A. M.
- 2) Tommy M.
- 3) Gary T.

MUZZLELOADER

- 1) Gary A.M.
- 2) Jerry G.
- 3) Tommy M.

3D ARCHERY

- 1) Ken E.
- 2) Gary A.M.
- 3) Brandon

KIDS .22 RIFLE

- 1) Trevor
- 2) Carter
- 3) Taylor G.

WOMEN'S GONG SHOOT

- 1) Corrina G..
- 2) Kendall E.

MEN'S GONG SHOOT

- 1) Gary A.M.
- 2) Mike F.
- 3) Tommy M.

WOMEN'S 5-PIN

- 1) Ruth S. - 6.9 sec.
- 2) Kendall E. - 9.3 sec.
- 3) Julie M. - 19.3 sec.

MEN'S 5-PIN

- 1) Gary A.M. - 3.5 sec.
- 2) Bob B. - 4.1 sec.
- 3) Jorge M. - 4.6 sec.

WOMEN'S TOP SHOOTER

Kendall E.

MEN'S TOP SHOOTER

Gary A. M.

TOP KIDS SHOOTER

None

JUG SHOOT WINNER

Gary A. M.

THE "GEORGE KNOX MEMORIAL" VARMINT CALLING BOOT CAMP - AUG. 15,16, 17, 2014

PVCI is planning its own Varmint Calling Boot Camp in conjunction with Outdoors Unlimited, AZGFD & the AZ. Elk Society on - August 15, 16, 17. The idea being to make the predator seminars an in-the-field experience, sort of like what Marvin Robbins did with his in-the-woods turkey hunting seminars. Friday is really just for camping set-up & late meal. This idea of having predator instruction in the outdoors was thought about by our own beloved, the late George K. This Boot Camp, as in the past, will feature in-the-field training about predators & predator calling & cover all sorts of topics plus answer your predator-related questions. Outdoors Unlimited will also be on hand in support & will provide the meals over this Event. So if you've any interest at all in learning how to successfully call-in predators, then this Camp is for you. This Boot Camp is also "FREE" & open to ALL (not just youth) hunters! More info at www.pvci.org

WHO: PVCI (others) will conduct a "Varmint Calling Seminar" covering all aspects of calling in critters.

WHEN: August 15, 16, 17, 2014. **PLEASE REGISTER!** To register & get more info:

www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com **Mentors Needed John Toner Knife Combo Set will be Ruffled off to a Mentor!**

WHERE: The Boot Camp campsite will be at Vincent Ranch (See map below)

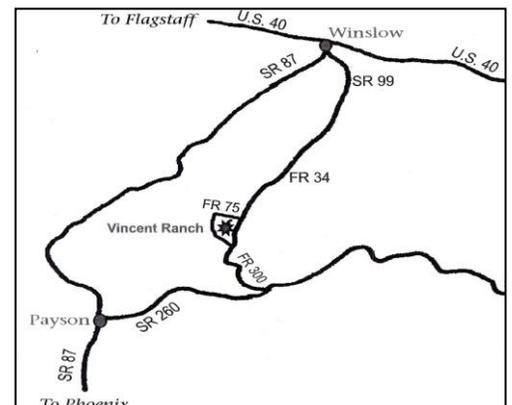
Cost: Free to all. Come on out and learn instructions from hunters who have harvested many critters. Learn from their instructions and experience. We plan to go hunting too!!! There may be an incentive for joining PVCI. Mentors there are definitely incentives to encourage you to help. PVCI members, we really need you help! **PLEASE REGISTER NOW!**

Camping is free but there is only enough room for tents & vehicles on the Ranch. The Ranch is NOT big enough for the big camp trailers & such. You may find a spot to camp outside of the Vincent Ranch area which is public land. Bring a chair or two to use during class & for around the campfire during the evening. Bring your camo & calls & if you have a shotgun or rifle you should bring it also, as the plan is to go hunting sometime during the weekend.

FOOD: Meals provided Friday evening, Saturday morning & evening and Sunday morning. May be a midday Sat. snack? **A New Member Raffle Drawing will be held that evening and some new member will win A Rossi 12 gauge shotgun combo (the gun breaks open and can use different barrels) comes with a carrying case. All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.**

***** REGISTRATION:** Please do register so that we can have some sort of idea of how many to expect. To register & find more information contact www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com so they have an idea on the food to bring. Find more information also at www.pvci.org

Vincent Ranch Directions: Take State Route 87 to Payson. From Payson, take State Route 260 east to the top of the Rim. Turn left at the Woods Canyon Lake turn off onto FR300 (the Rim Road). FR 300 intersects with FR34 at the T. Turn right at the T onto FR 34. FR34 intersects with FR75 twice. Turn left onto FR75 at the second intersection. In less than a mile you will see a road on the left. Turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.



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 PPCI Board of Directors & Board Members choose a Rifle, Shotgun, or 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 or 5 for \$20 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 and some Lucky Person will win! **All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.**

The Gun for July will be an AR-15!!!

The Gun for Aug will be a 308 Camo Savage Axis with a 3x9 Bushnell scope. Someone is going to WIN! Will it be you? Remember there is NO LIMIT to the amount of tickets that may be purchased.



May Gun Winner Shawn G.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- July 1 – **PVCI Swap Meet!** This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. Tables for Swap Meet cost \$10 each. Bring your used & unwanted hunting, camping items to sell. Money made is yours!
- July 1 – Mountain Lion hunting, Daylight, Daylong & Archery seasons open all over. You **MUST** check the Hunt Regs.
- July 4th – Independence Day! Happy Birthday America!!!
- July 12 – Outdoor Experience 4 All Fund Raising Banquet at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel 1600 S. 52nd St. Tempe
- July 18-19 – Arizona Trappers Assoc. Convention at the Gila County Fairgrounds near Globe. More details inside.
- July 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.
- July 26 – Valley Long beards Wild Turkey Banquet at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel 1600 S. 52nd St. Tempe
- July 28 – First day that any 2014 Fall Hunt Permit leftover tags will be accepted (by U.S. Mail Only).
- Aug. 1 – Fox, bobcat, badger, raccoon, weasel, ringtail season opens most hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Aug. 1-2 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Flagstaff, AZ. (928)774-5045
- Aug. 4 – 1st day that any 2014 Fall Hunt Permit leftover tags can be purchased over the counter at AZGFD offices.
- Aug. 5 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (**PVCI Monthly Meeting**, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.
- Aug. 8 – 2014 Fall Hunt Permit Tags should be mailed to you by now if successful. (Good Luck!)
- Aug. 8 – Rifle Bear Season opens in various Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Aug. 9-10 – The Annual **PVCI Trail Clearing**. Maintenance of the See Canyon Trail in Unit 4A. Potluck Breakfast on Saturday morning before work. All work on Saturday with a Potluck Dinner on Saturday night. Map/more details inside.
- Aug. 16-17 – **George Knox Memorial Boot Camp** at Vincent Ranch in the Cocconino Nat. Forest. See Map/Details
- Aug. 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.
- Aug. 22 – Archery Deer, Antelope, Bear, Turkey, Non-Permit Javelina & Squirrel Seasons open. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Aug. 22 – Rifle Bear Season opens in various Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Aug. 29 – Deadline for the 2014 Fall Sandhill Crane Hunt.

Sept. 1 – Dove Season opens statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

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

Sept. 5 – Rifle Antelope, Blue Grouse & Chukar Seasons open. Check your Hunt Regs.

Sept. 11 – All Archery Deer, Antelope, Bear, Turkey & Squirrel (except on Kaibab & Strip) Seasons close.

Sept. 12 – Archery Elk Seasons open. Check your Hunt Regulations to find out where.

*****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 Membership Chairman Allan F. at (602) 999-5651. Renewal Fees help the Club!

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBER: Charlie W. **MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 154**

UPCOMING EVENT: ARIZONA TRAPPERS CONVENTION – July 18 & 19, 2014 by Eddie M.

The Arizona Trapper Association (ATA) will be having their Annual Convention on July 18&19, 2014 at the Gila County Fairgrounds near Globe, AZ. This is a Great Annual Event that brings together many trappers & predator callers from all over Arizona and beyond. There are usually trapping and calling demos, fur prep & handling tips. Free to enter Contests such as the trap setting, pie eating, musket throw & ladies frying pan toss & maybe a fun predator calling contest where you can win money for 1st Place. There are also trapping, calling & other supplies for sale (including cage traps), fur pelts, crafts, etc. plus a Silent Auction, assorted kids competitions, great food and much more. If you would like to set up to sell or advertise your wares just let Event Chairman Brent Parker 520-678-0254 brentparker54@hotmail or Ron Day rlday1@cox.net know so they can schedule where to put you. Entry into the Convention is usually **FREE!** PPCI may have a booth there to promote the sport of varmint calling and sell some calls/ howlers. This Convention is the “Survival Event of the Year” for the ATA as this is the Main Fundraiser. Consider donating something for their Auction. Hope to see you there! This is one Event that I DO NOT MISS!!! Miss Rodeo Arizona is usually here to help the Trappers raise money.

UPCOMING EVENT 2014 ANNUAL PPCI TRAIL CLEARING – AUG. 9-10, 2014

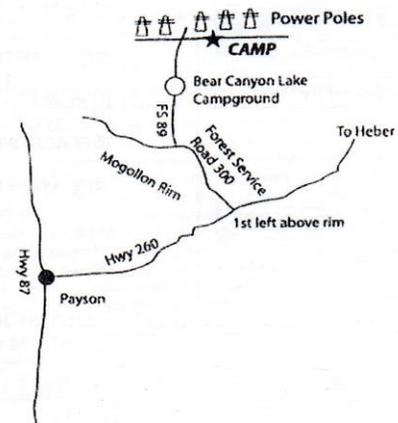
PPCI members mark your calendars for the weekend of Aug. 9-10, 2014. This will be the dates for the Annual PPCI Trail Clearing. The actual work will take place on Saturday Aug. 9th however many members use this Event as an excuse to spend the whole weekend out of the desert HEAT! The plan is to meet the Forest Service person or our person-in charge at the top PPCI sign off of FS Road 300 (where the See Canyon Trailhead begins) at 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Here we will pass out the tools and take a PPCI Trail Clearing group shot by the PPCI sign!

Fire restrictions permitting, we will be camping off of FS Road 89 approx. 1 mile north of the Bear Canyon Lake Camp turnoff and right before the BIG STEEL power poles that cross the dirt road there. Take Hwy 87 to Payson. Take Hwy 260 out of Payson, up the hill to FS 300 (Wood Canyon Lake turnoff). Stay on FS 89 and go approx 1 mile past the Bear Canyon Lake turnoff, until you get to the steel power poles. Take road to right before you reach power poles. **Camp on right in the trees.** (See the map) This is the same location that we have used for the last few years.

What is the PPCI Trail Clearing? It is the maintenance of a trail called the See Canyon Trail, which is a survival trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte down to Christopher Creek and is used by many hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc. **Our club has maintained this trail for over 35 years!** Each year we get many compliments from users

There will be a POTLUCK DINNER on Saturday evening! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A DISH! This Dinner has turned out really nice the last few years and is most definitely worth sticking around for! We will also have a Potluck Breakfast on Saturday morning before the work begins. We could use some extra breakfast items such as sausages, bacon & eggs, pancake batter, etc. Some extra frying pans, mixing bowls etc. would help too! As this event takes place in Aug. be sure to take your raingear! Brief afternoon showers in the high country are common!

This is a family affair so do bring them. Friends are also invited. Don't forget the POTLUCK DINNER items! Hope to see you on the trailhead. Questions call Mark M. (480) 785-6083.



**MORMON LAKE LODGE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL REPORT
ON NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY – JUNE 7, 2014**

PPCI had an open invitation to come & help celebrate National Get Outdoors Day & participate in the 5th Annual Mormon Lake Lodge Outdoor Festival. The Event hours were from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Club member Eddie M. took his bobcat, furs & photo albums & volunteered to go up & represent the Club to promote the sport of varmint calling.

There were quite a few exhibitors this year representing sports people, wildlife conservation, government agencies, outdoor recreation, natural resources, etc. that participated at this Event. The Event drew a good-sized crowd with lots of families & children. A new promotional feature was added again this year as incentive. Each exhibitor received a FREE RAFFLE ticket and had a chance to win two nights at Mormon Lake Lodge lodging & a free dinner for two. This could either be used by one of your display volunteers or saved and used as a raffle at one of your other events. There was also a FREE Raffle for all attendees for a chance to win two nights lodging at Mormon Lake Lodge.

Many thanks to the Mormon Lake Lodge & Eddie Corona for the weekend opportunity to help touch some lives & show something else that can be done in the AZ. Outdoors! I called in lots of interested people that enjoyed the predator calling & the stories. The bobcat & the Leafy Wear were also hits and there were a lot of positive comments, pictures and even some video that were taken. There will be some out there that won't soon forget our display.

2014 NEW MEXICO SPRING TURKEY HUNT (Part 2) JARED SHOWS UP!

by Eddie M.

This story is really a continuation of the Spring Turkey Hunt Story in the May-June Predator Tales about our adventures hunting in New Mexico during the spring 2014 season. Both of the Christmas Party Auction Winners (Win a Turkey Hunt with Eddie M.) were on this hunt. It was an exceptional year with 5 guys killing 8 birds. Part 1 was about Ryan, the 2013 Christmas Party Winner (that hunted the 2014 hunt). Part 2 is about Jared, the 2012 Auction Winner (2013 hunt). Even though he did not kill in 2013, he liked the hunt so much he asked if he could make this a tradition & come back for more.

MONDAY: Club member Jared arrived in Turkey Camp on a Monday afternoon. Jared the 2012 Christmas Party winner & I had hunted hard on the 2013 hunt & had many experiences however he didn't kill a gobbler in 2013. Jared said he'd be back & this year he was fired up & ready to kill. Now I had just killed my 2nd gobbler that very morning & it was hanging in the tree. Totally admiring the bird, Jared said it was the 1st gobbler that he'd ever touched. That evening we returned to the spot where I'd killed my morning bird, as it wasn't the only gobbler that I'd heard in the morning. There was a certain hill that seemed to hold some significance. We roosted nothing & returned to camp.

TUESDAY: We return to the same place and walk back quite a ways, sounding like hens. There is some sign yet we hear nothing until after we retrace our steps for a bit. We close the distance & work the gobbler. After a bit it walks away & we follow. Soon one gobbler becomes two and Jared is placed in an okay spot. I leave him & walk away, calling from a distant spot. The tactic seemed to almost work yet the birds continue to walk away. Eventually we end up back at the truck. We continue to work gobblers & I even see some birds. That evening we again returned & called in a hen 3 steps from me. Jared couldn't grow a beard on her. We roosted nothing again. In camp Ivan has his 2nd gobbler hanging. Jared gets the GPS coordinates. We discuss what to do in the morning. A gobbling or sighted bird is better than no bird.

WEDNESDAY: We head across the prairie & hunt the woods on the other side. In a way we are working our way towards where Ivan killed his bird. We park where they 1st parked and wait for light. Gobblers do sound off & we work 2 different birds, results nothing. We try here & there however it's windy. The country gets worse looking then gets much better looking. Driving along, Jared hears a gobble and there is a flock of turkeys on a distant hill walking away. Jared gets out & gets somewhat close but spooks a hen I park the truck and we head uphill. We do hear them twice more way back. We find elk antlers on the way out. I show Jared the sign on the dirt roads. Turkey tracks & strut lines. The spot ended up being where Ivan had called & killed his bird. Back to Camp we go for Larry's Special Lunch. That evening we end up taking the long way around. We do roost a bird way down in the bottom. What do we do in the morning?

THURSDAY: We go back towards where we called in the hen. There is something about that hill. We hear 2 or 3 gobblers & head for one of them. We work it some & get closer. He's coming! Quickly we move up some more & get Jared out in front. He assumes the shooting position. The gobbler advances until we can see it. I have quit calling now for some time but the gobbler has the spot pinpointed. He gets closer & closer then hangs up. Jared shoots, the bird goes down, I pop up & run towards it. Grabbing the feet I hoist in the air, the gobbler's chest towards me. It flaps some and then relaxes. Jared has his 1st wild turkey gobbler! He is overjoyed to say the very least. We talk & relive the story a few times. Here & there I do some loud hen yelps. I tell Jared he should pace off his steps to the bird then do some more hen yelps. A gobbler sounds off close! I tell Jared to grab his gun & we set up again. Jared takes a shot however the gobbler gets away. We almost had 2 dead gobblers in 10 minutes! Jared's gobbler is beautiful! Larry went home after the mornings hunt so he doesn't get to see Jared's gobbler. That evening we are back in the same spot & work a gobbler that seems to come but it gets dark.

FRIDAY: Ivan comes with us in the morning. We park in the same spot yet approach different. We do work a gobbler. We get Jared out in front. The gobbler does advance. We hear yelping, hens? Not good, he will probably follow them now. The bird gets quieter & quieter. Ivan & I move away calling. Silence. We all meet whispering what to do next? We begin to walk towards the road BUT I like the edge of the canyon better. The edge towards where that hen walked down after leaving us. We switch & head that way hen yelping here & there. Suddenly there is an answering yelp only it sounds funny? Jakes! There is more yelping. Quickly Jared gets up ahead and assumes the shooting position. Both Ivan & I start to copy the answering yelps but especially Ivan. Soon a flock of turkeys comes into view. There are 8 jakes & one fanned out gobbler and according to Jared & Ivan they put on quite the show, pushing & shoving each other, acting like school boys. Jared had wanted to get closer but lost his chance. He waits for a clear shot on the gobbler then shoots, Boom! There are 8 bewildered jakes everywhere flying & landing, what was that! The gobbler also flies, there is another shot, then another! Ivan saw the gobbler crash into a juniper tree. Not normal turkey behavior! We all run in that direction, looking. I find it in the juniper tree still alive. One more shot later & Jared has his 2nd gobbler and is he ever thankful!



Maybe you heard, maybe you didn't about the proposed plan by the USFWS to drastically expand the Mexican Wolf range here in AZ. This is part of what it stems from. I got this news off of the Internet from the AZ. Daily Sun Newspaper out of Flagstaff (August 2013). Frankly I think that this article has holes & was written to make both sides mad. **You will see my thoughts & observations in parenthesis () in the story below.**

WOLVES TO ROAM FLAGSTAFF

The USFWS is floating a plan that would allow the Mexican gray wolf to roam north toward Flagstaff & across the state for the first time in generations. The Mexican wolf, one of the most endangered mammals in North America was hunted to near extinction & reintroduced back into the wild in 1998 (It wasn't just sport hunters, the federal government had their own eradication program). The wolves however have always been limited to a small area called the Blue Range on the AZ /New Mexico border (the Blue Primitive Range is Not small & the wolves range is Much bigger than just the Blue). (You can track the packs on the Internet) where they have struggled to gain a foothold. While the USFWS has long declared its plan to restore wolves into the wild, it has repeatedly failed. Despite decades (Sorry by my math 1998 to 2014 is only 18 years) of efforts only 75 Mexican wolves exist in the wild with 3 breeding pairs.

The USFWS announced in June that it is set to remove the Canadian gray wolf, a separate subspecies, from the Endangered Species List but in order to de-list the Canadian, it has to reclassify the Mexican as a distinct subspecies & remove its designation as an experimental population. That means biologists must now focus their efforts on creating a real population of wild wolves. The Fish & Wildlife Service released a draft of proposed changes in July 2013. It included a massive expansion of the Mexican gray wolf's allowed territory. If implemented this would allow wolves to roam from Western AZ. to eastern New Mexico between Interstate 40 & 10. Currently any wolf leaving the Blue is captured & returned. (Not true today) The Draft also includes potential wolf reintroduction sites in Northern AZ on the Tonto Nat. Forest throughout the Sitgraves Nat. Forest & either public land as well as private land w/participating landowners. The Apache Tribe has an agreement w/ the USFWS that has allowed wolves to roam their lands in eastern AZ. Wolves have been spotted in the past as close to Flagstaff as Mormon Lake & Holbrook along Interstate 40.

At an AZGFD Meeting in Flagstaff, the AZGFD decided it would work with the Feds to help come up with a plan but officially emphasized No formal plan. Changes have been agreed upon or even discussed at that point. Conservationists have long seen the AZGFD as unenthusiastic about Federal wolf recovery and that was apparent at the Meeting where a small group of wolf-advocates asked the Agency to consider expansion. AZ Game & Fish Commissioner Kurt Davis interpreted the Commission's position as agreeing to move ahead with a plan to come up with a plan. This Agency has sent some mixed messages on wolves over the years said Sandy Bahr of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter. They should be glad to see a Wolf Recovery Plan from the Federal's Government. Emily Nelson of the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project in Flagstaff said in an interview with the Daily Sun that none of the Conservation Groups were happy with the USFWS initial proposal because it didn't include some of the "last, best areas" for wolves. Scientist have identified the Grand Canyon as "Prime Wolf Territory." "There is no reason to keep that arbitrary boundary to the North," Bahr said of the Interstate line. Scientist say that as many as 200 wolves could be supported in the Grand Canyon area but they aren't including that area.

Judy Prosser, a 3rd generation rancher of the Bar-T ranch south of Mormon Lake on Anderson Mesa has 2,000 head of cattle. Her lands would be inside of the Wolf Recovery Area says that the ranching community is not happy. She might be supportive if the Plan is managed by the AZGFD but not the USFWS. **We just don't live in an isolated, unpopulated place. Coconino is one of the most highly recreated counties in the state. I don't think that campers & homeowners in the Happy Jack & Blue Ridge areas need to be concerned with letting their kids & pets outside their homes. (Judy has a VERY STRONG & GOOD POINT!)**

P.S. The Animal Rights & Animal Lovers are VERY ORGANIZED! IF we hunters, trappers, dog hunters, fishermen & women, etc. do not unite. They are going to get their way each & every time & we will slowly step by step cease to exist. This is what Scott (the raccoon hunter) was talking about. The Group he represents is TRYING TO GET THE GROUPS TO STAND TOGETHER. Ignoring the problem or not knowing about what they are trying to do WILL get you someday. The headlines may someday soon read, "Lead shot banned, hunting mountain lions forbidden, running bears with hounds banned, hunting season stopped! Lots of these very things have ALREADY HAPPEN IN CALIFORNIA! Read Below!!!

CALIFORNIA IN A FIGHT FOR ITS LIFE! THE OUTCOME HERE COULD AFFECT US ALL!!!

SB 53 California ammunition purchase permits: Would require that anyone who purchases ammunition, with some exceptions, first be authorized by the State Dept. of Justice to do so. A fee would be charged for the authorization which requires passage of a background check. Authorization would be valid for 2 years after which it would have to be renewed. This would apply to all ammunition. It is critically important that all hunters & other lawful owners of firearms & ammunition immediately contact the Calif. Governor Jerry Brown phone: 916-445-2841, <http://gov.ca.gov/m contact.php> Tell them to vote NO on SB 53.

LEARN OUTDOORS SKILLS:

HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING, SHOOTING, & 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 a positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on page 26-30 of the 2014/2015 AZ. Hunt Regs. You will note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit 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!!!**

JULY 18-20 BOWHUNTER HAPPENING: Fun for all ages & skill levels. Eight fun archery courses, novelties, door prizes, raffles, vendors, unlimited shooting, onsite registration. Location: Flagstaff, Mormon Lake. Hosted by Arizona Bow hunters Assoc. Information: www.arizonabowhunters.org

AUG. 15-17 GEORGE KNOX MEMORIAL BOOT CAMP/JUNIOR & ADULT PREDATOR HUNTING CAMP: Come & learn about calling, hunting & the life history of predators & furbearers. Also other outdoor skills, activities; food provided. Location: Mogollon Rim, Vincent Ranch, Unit 4A. Hosted by Phoenix Varmint Callers, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, AZGFD, Arizona Elk Society, National Wild Turkey Federation. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

SEPT. 5-7 BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: Women 18 & up can learn about fishing, camping, hunting, gun safety, Dutch-Oven cooking, map & compass reading & more. Fee required. Location: Prescott, Friendly Pines Camp. Hosted by Arizona Wildlife Federation. Register: awf@azwildlife.org (480) 644-0077.

SEPT. 6-7 ROBBIN'S BUTTE JUNIOR'S DOVE HUNT: Dove hunting just for kids at a Game & Fish Wildlife Area managed for migratory birds. Breakfast provided. Location: Buckeye, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area. Hosted by AZGFD Chandler Rod & Gun Club. Information: www.azgfd.gov/dove

PVCI ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST REPORT by Eddie M.

Well if you missed the Annual PVCI Fishing Contest this year, then you missed a GOOD TIME! The Contest was held this year on June 7th which was also Free Fishing Day. On this day you don't need a fishing license to fish at any public waters excluding Indian Reservations. Before I came up I was offered some frozen hamburgers from the May BBQ & turned them down because we don't normally need them. Between the fish we catch & the potluck items that we members bring, we do okay and have had some wonderful meals over the years. Well after the 1st couple of hours this year, I was thinking that maybe I'd made the wrong choice. The fishing got off to a rough start. Conditions did improve though after we changed locations. I brought up Ivan (one of last year's winners) & member Richard H. Richard said he hadn't caught a fish in 40 years. Well he caught 2 on this trip while Ivan caught the usual limit of 6. The "official measuring" was interesting. The 2014 Winners for Longest Fish: Youth - Shea Y. -12-4/16" & Adult- Jessica S. -12-8/16". Longest Stringer: Youth-Boenn -68-4/16" & Adult-Ivan - 72/7/16" Congrats!

There were plenty of fish for the fish fry and everyone ate well! Thank You Trista & Mike Y. for writing the fish totals and to all that helped clean fish & transport them (Shea & Boze) to the frying pans where Laura/Richardo (90% Laura) cooked them up REAL GOOD! Oh I almost forgot about the Members & Guests Raffle! That also went well with everyone winning at least 2 items. Thank You PVCI for the money for this Raffle. Hope to see everyone next year. I do believe that I'll ask for a little more money for the Raffle prizes in 2015. Thanks All!



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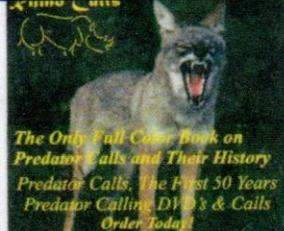
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