



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think that we would all agree to call April's PPCI General Meeting "interesting." Many problems, issues & quite a lot of discussion & uproar! However I was glad that we were able to muddle through with most of those present satisfied. The most important issue (the term limit issue) is being fixed according to Robert's Rules of Order and should be voted upon at the May General Meeting.

To repeat what I said at the April General Meeting, "any member" is welcome to also attend the PPCI Monthly Board Meeting & voice his or her input and be listened too! We will be open & above Board about Club matters period.
Ken Eaton

P.S. I want to apologize to those that I told that I would see them at the Marvin Robbins Junior Turkey Camp. My truck broke down on the way out of town & I didn't get it back until Saturday morning.

P.P.S. Steve C. called & told me that the Tonto Forest is now at Stage II Fire Restrictions (No recreation shooting). I hope that the Coconino Forest stays at Stage I until after the Annual PPCI Campout.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

* **RAFFLE TICKETS-DO YOU HAVE ANY? REMEMBER THE DRAWING IS** May 18, 2014 at our Annual Campout & Barbecue near the Blue Ridge ranger Station. If you are not going to be there then you need to get your Raffle Tickets turned in probably by the MAY Meeting!

* The Deadline to turn in your critters for the 2013-2014 season was the PPCI April 2014 Meeting. If for some reason you did not get your critters turned in for this season they can and should still be turned in for your lifetime totals. When the 2014-2015 season begins in September, you should begin anew with critters that are killed then.

* **Don't Forget to attend** the Annual PPCI Campout & BBQ on May 17-18at Moqui Draw near the Blue Ridge Ranger Station. Map & many more details inside.

* **Fire Conditions permitting.** The PPCI Annual Fishing Contest will be held at Ashurst Lake on **SATURDAY JUNE 7th, "FREE FISHING DAY!"** We will fish from daybreak until 5:00p.m. All fish species are eligible from that Lake. Prizes awarded for longest fish & longest stringer in adult & kids categories. **POTLUCK/FISH FRY** on Saturday evening. Don't forget the **RAFFLE** for the **MEMBERS & GUESTS**, even if you didn't fish. All present may win something! Details inside!

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

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Pic of still-reigning President



Promoting Varmint Calling



PPCI Monthly Gun Winner!



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NEW P V C I R A F F L E !!!

P V C I has a NEW FUND-RAISING RAFFLE with 5 GREAT PRIZES!!! You can see the prizes listed below. These Raffle Tickets were made available during the January Monthly Meeting. They are ONLY \$1 each! You Need Not Be Present To Win & the Drawing is scheduled for May 18, 2014. P V C I 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, our P V C I storage locker, etc. These Raffle Tickets will probably sell themselves.

PHOENIX VARMINT CALLERS, INC.

\$1.00 2014 SPRING RAFFLE!!! \$1.00

5 chances to win:

1st DPMS Sportical 5.56x45mm Rifle (an AR)

2nd Ruger Camo 10/22

3rd Remington 870 Express Magnum Home Defense Shotgun

4th John Toner Custom Knife

5th Rancho Safari Ghillie

DRAWING MAY 18th, 2014

Need Not Be Present To Win. For More Details Go To: www.pvci.org

Raffle Tickets are non-transferable and winner MUST be able to pass 4473-background check.

Have you sold any Raffle Tickets for the P V C I Fund-Raising Raffle yet? If so GREAT! If not why not? The 5 Prizes listed above will sell themselves & Ticket prices are ONLY \$1.00 each! The Drawing date of May 18th, 2014 up at our Annual Campout & Barbecue is fast approaching! Someone will win perhaps even multiple prizes if you purchased more than one ticket. Remember that you Need NOT Be Present To Win. GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

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

By Scott Banner.

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 523-214-5091** 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 and they will give you the best price. The club will receive the Referral Fee



WHAT ARE WE TO DO IN THE OFF-SEASON???

by Eddie M.

Well it will soon be the end of turkey season & the true dog days of the long hot summer will soon be upon us. Soon, even the idea of cold temperatures & handling longhaired fur from the critter you just killed will seem like a fairy tale that never happened. Instead sweating, excessive heat warnings, staying hydrated & seeing the wild critters in their bikinis will be the norm. What is the up & coming predator caller/hunter who cherishes in the thrill of seeing some wild critter briefly appear before it tries to run in and eat you, what are we to do? It's too hot to go outside plus most seasons are closed anyway. True, coyote is open all year however most of us are purposefully letting the coyotes raise their pups and only going after the dogs in the antelope areas and/or if invited somewhere. Do not fret my friends, there are plenty of things that can be done during these hot summer days. Even though you may not be killing wild dogs & cats, you can still stay practiced up and keep your fun competitive spirit plus make new contacts & stay prepared for the upcoming season.

For starters I would attend each & every Club Event that happens in this time period. These Club Events have been going on for many, many years and are not accidents. Instead they are designed to Help You the predator caller/hunter make it through these long HOT summer days. All of these Events are family-oriented, designed so that you might bring your family and/or friends & introduce them to the other Club members & their family & friends. Once a weekend is spent with others doing things together like having meals together or having friendly competitions (having fun) against each other, just maybe they will learn that we're not blood thirsty killers but hunters with an addiction (smile). Hunters that will bend over backwards and do most anything to help their fellow person succeed and have a good time. Once the wife & family get to know some of the folks you may be hunting with it may make it a little easier to get away come hunting season. Also the competitions at these Events are designed to keep your competitive spirit in tune and keep you practiced up. Trust me, in most of these competitions, if you don't practice, you won't win or even place.

Another GREAT benefit of these Club Events is you the caller getting to know the other callers that participate better. You see them, they see you, you interact and good things can happen. Plus anytime you get around a fire at night like say the BIG community fire at the BBQ (or the grill w/fire restrictions) or the Fishing Contest or Trail Clearing, if you keep your ears open, you can learn things. Invariably there will be hunting stories told, hunting tips given out on what methods worked for this or that, hunting questions answered, etc. Events like the Arizona Trappers Association Convention and the Southwestern Fur Harvesters Rendezvous and our own George Knox Memorial Boot Camp are other GREAT places to hear this kind of talk. Of course you will also hear hunting/trapping seminars at these 3 Events.

Volunteer on a Work Project or a Youth Camp: Did you know that the AZ. Game & Fish Dept., the Arizona Elk Society, the Arizona Deer Association, the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society, the Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Turkey, Outdoors Unlimited and other Outdoor Organizations have planned camps & projects for both youth & adults? From introduction to the outdoors in general to having teaching how to shoot & hunt camps to habitat improvement & restoration projects and ALL of these functions need VOLUNTEERS to help make the event a success. Pick up a copy of the 2014/2015 Fall Big Game Hunt Regulations and look through the youth section and/or get on the AZGFD website or Go to the Calendar of Events to see a schedule of what is planned.

What else can be done during the long HOT days of summer? **Go fishing!** I like catfish at night in the rivers and lakes in the desert and bass & cats in the daytime. Trout of course are king in the high country lakes however there are also catfish & northern pike and even walleyes for those that know how to fish for them. Do not forget the Indian Reservations for fishing either. Both the White Mountain and San Carlos Reservations have lots of fishing opportunities and the limit on trout for instance is still 10 fish and not 6.

Look for dropped antlers: Every year 99.8% of every deer & elk in the state lose their antlers and grow a new set. These things are worth money so there is competition for them yet there are still plenty of antlers out there that have not been found. Looking for these dropped antlers is fun and can help you to learn some new country and what it has to offer.

Most of the desert & high country is miserable in the summertime. The heat & biting flies & gnats in the day & mosquitoes at night can drive you insane. Still **scouting new country by foot, horse or vehicle or checking on the old country can be worthwhile.** Find your antelope, deer and elk or bear now. Ever thought about braving the heat to watch the desert bighorns rut in July? Don't forget practicing your shooting, patterning the shotgun & sighting in all the rifles. In fact now is also a good time to replenish your stock & order in whatever it is that you think will make you better. The point is that between fishing, volunteering, scouting & getting ready for the upcoming season, there is plenty to do.

ALSO DON'T FORGET the Annual Arizona State Varmint Calling Championship. This Traditional Event is designed to keep you blowing on your predator calls. The only difference is that you will be calling to human judges instead of predators. This is the same yet this is also different and a CHALLENGE and FUN. There are categories for Experts and Novices. Obviously those that practice will probably do better. In the Expert category the competition is usually pretty fierce yet even the first time Novice caller should not be intimidated. We have had kids as young as 6 or 7 enter the Novice category and though they didn't win, they did compete and did okay (they were not last).

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOORS EXPO REPORT by Eddie M.

March 29-30, 2014 were the dates for this years Arizona Game & Fish Outdoors Expo. The Event was held out at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility off of the Carefree Highway. This Event transformed the Shooting Facility into the largest hands-on Outdoor Expo in Arizona with outdoor adventure and fun for the entire family! As in years past admission and parking were totally free, as were the shuttles to and from the parking to different points of the event. Once inside you had the unique opportunity to test various firearms and archery equipment on the range and talk to the manufacture's reps. There were demonstrations on speed shooting, skeet shooting, backpacking, game calling, competitive shooting, four-wheeling, dog retrieving, etc. plus demos at the fish tank. There were also many, many workshops and exhibition booths displaying wildlife and the shooting, hunting, fishing & outdoor sports.

PVCI had a booth at this Event doing what we do best, promoting the sport of varmint calling. We did sell calls & also raffled off many Raffle Tickets for our upcoming Raffle at \$1 each. As usual there was a LOT of interest in what we do and we may see some new members in upcoming Meetings.

By the way there were 48,000 people who attended this year, a new record! What a Great Idea by whomever in the Arizona Game & Fish Department, to have an annual event where you give the public a chance to learn about wildlife related and outdoor recreation activities practically from A to Z.



MARVIN ROBBINS YOUTH SPRING TURKEY HUNT CAMP REPORT

PVCI teamed up with the NWTF, AZGFD, AES & Youth Outdoors Unlimited on April 17-18, 2014 to help sponsor the Marvin Robbins Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Camp at the Colcord Ridge Campground in Hunt Unit 23. Marvin a long time ago started this idea of having turkey seminars up in the woods where you could get real hands-on experience. His legacy goes on. The Campground was a buzz with hopeful youth (approx. 78 total) eager to learn how-to then go turkey hunting. Meals were provided by Youth Outdoors Unlimited & seminars given by various individuals. Then teams were matched up and away everyone went turkey hunting. Some birds were killed too. Scott B. of PVCI estimated that around 20 or more birds were taken! I will bet that more than one of these youth PLUS even some of the parents are now "Officially Hooked" on turkey hunting and will come back to hunt another day, probably introducing someone else to the sport also.

Turkey Camp presented a few problems for some members of PVCI. Ken's truck broke down on the way out of town & he didn't get it back until Saturday morning. Scott B. lost a tire on his trailer and tore the fender off the side of his trailer. Then it started to rain and Scott started coughing up a storm. (Ex-Tuna Fisherman) Steve was one of the members in good health and served food to about 200 hungry hunters and family members. The kids were all excited and most all of them heard or saw birds in the field. Every Youth receive a prize on Saturday afternoon. Then I had to talk about predator hunting, as a novice I was not prepared and thought bad thoughts about Ken for not coming to my rescue. The kids did not seem to mind though.

MORMON LAKE LODGE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL – NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY – JUNE 14, 2014

You are invited to celebrate National Get Outdoors Day and participate in the 5th Annual Mormon Lake Lodge Outdoor Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. There is No Cost to have a display, exhibit or activity. You must bring your own display material, tables & chairs. All displays must be set up between 10:00 am & 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 14th. The Event is FREE to have an exhibit and Mormon Lake Lodge will provide your display volunteers with a FREE lunch.

This year over 40 exhibitors representing sportspeople, wildlife conservation, government agencies, outdoor recreation, natural resources, etc. participated in this Event. Over 2,000 people attended the Event including lots of families & children. This year more exhibits are expected & the attendance is expected to almost double!

A new promotional feature has been added this year with a FREE RAFFLE for every display/exhibit with a chance to win two nights Mormon Lake Lodge lodging & a free dinner for two. This can be used by one of your display volunteers or saved and used as a raffle at one your fund raisers or events. There will also be a FREE Raffle for all attendees for a chance to win two nights lodging at Mormon Lake Lodge.

For questions or to signup for an exhibit or display space contact Mormon Lake Lodge, by phone (928)-354-2227.



Outdoor Experience 4 All
Changing Lives One Adventure at a Time!

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: www.theoutdoorexperience.org



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Happy Birthday
Will H. – May 16th

Happy Anniversary
Ron & Lana P.
married 27 years
on June 13



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PVCI 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 & Board Members choose rifle, hotgun, 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 and some Lucky Person will win! All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.

The Gun for May will be a 12 ga 870 express shotgun 26" barrel.

The Gun for June will be a 22-250 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.

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.**

Apr. 25 – The Arizona Early Spring Turkey Season opens. Check your Hunt Regs.

May 1 – Rifle Spring Bear Season closes.

May 2- The Late Spring Turkey Season & Archery Spring Bear season opens Check your Hunt Regs.

May 2-3 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ. (928) 692-7700.

May 6 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

May 9 – All Junior Spring Turkey Seasons end. Archery-Only Non-permit Tag Required Spring Turkey opens.

May 10 – Payson Wildlife Fair at Green Valley Park. A Fair that introduce the public to the possibilities of the Outdoors.

May 11 – Mother's Day! A day to honor the REAL LIFE SUPERHEROES – MOM'S in our lives!

May 17 –18 – PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE. Moqui Draw (Fire conditions permitting). More info. inside.

May 21 – This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

May - 22 All Spring Turkey Seasons end.

May 31 – AZ. Antelope & AZ. Deer Assoc. Joint Fundraising Banquet at the Phoenix Airport Sheraton, 1600 S. 52 St, Tempe, AZ. (480) 967-6600. Doors open 4:30p.m. Dinner 6:00p.m. Live, silent Auctions, Raffles, Firearms, Hunt Gear.

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

June 7 – FREE FISHING DAY also PVCI Annual Fishing Contest at Ashurst Lake in the Coconino Nat. Forest. Prizes plus Guests & Members Raffle open to ALL present even if you didn't fish! Fishing begins at daybreak & runs through 5:00p.m. All Fish species count. Prizes for longest fish & longest stringer in youth & adult categories. Also Potluck/Fish Fry on Saturday Night!!! There are bathroom facilities at the Lake. Come & bring friends. Cool Temps. Details inside!

June 10, 2014 by 7 p.m. (MST). The deadline to apply for fall hunt tags.

June 13-14 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma, AZ. (928) 942-0091.

June 14 – Mormon Lake Wildlife Expo next to the Lodge & put on by Eddie C. PVCI will have a booth w/ Ken & Rich.

June 15-17 Wapiti Weekend, Sipes White Mountain Wildlife Area. Hosted by AZ. Elk Society. Contact www.arizonaelksociety.org

June 18 - This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 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 4th – Independence Day! Happy Birthday America!

July 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Aug/ 1-2 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Flagstaff, AZ. (928)774-5045

Aug. 1 – Fox, bobcat, badger, raccoon, weasel, ringtail season opens most hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 5 – This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

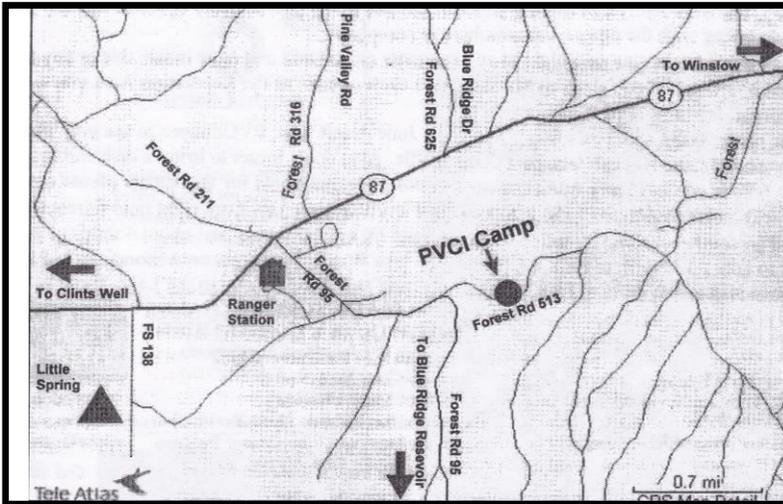
Aug. 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday, PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

*****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!

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PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE – MAY 17-18, 2014

This year's Annual Campout & Barbecue will be scheduled for May 17-18, 2014. We are planning on getting the Moqui Draw area near the Blue Ridge Ranger station as the location again. This would be the same location as has been used for the last several years. This family-oriented Event is one of our most attended off-season events of the year. Typically there are events scheduled for the youth & the adults. Most of the adult events are shooting events. Women & men compete separately in .22 rifle, .22 pistol, big-bore handgun & bowling pin & compete together in archery & muzzleloader shoots. The youth get to shoot in some of the events also, a lot depending upon the age and the number of youth present. The youth also have a BB Gun Shoot. There has traditionally been a Jr. Calling Contest however we need some youth present to participate. If you bring any kid that is above an infant that can call consider bringing some calls so that we can have this "FUN" event. In between the shooting look forward to some really good food and having a cool good time up in the pines. Hope that you and the family and friends can make it. Member Tommy M. has graciously accepted to head this Event again! Other volunteers will also be needed to run each shooting event. If you run the Event, you make the rules for the most part. Volunteers will also be needed for various other duties. To get 1st pick at running an Event or to volunteer please email Member /Webmaster Tommy M. at www.pvci.org Once on the site, look for the place where you can email the webmaster and email him there. Thanks in advance for your help!



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

Route #2: Go north on I -17 to camp Verde
 Turn right on either Exit 287 or 288
 Go East on Hwy 260 to Hwy 87.
 Turn Left on Hwy 87 and follow Route #1 Instructions

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

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

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

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

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

.22 pistol – men, women, kids (10-16)

.22 rifle – men, women, kids

Gong shoot – Big bore pistol only – men, women, kids

Kids BB gun shoot??

LUNCH TIME (sorry, food not provided)

Archery

Muzzleloader – men, women, kids

DINNER: Tommy will provide venison green chill & homemade salsa & chips till it's gone to be determined later. Club will provide a grill for cooking.

Please to bring a potluck dish/dessert to share. **Dutch oven** cook-off Bring your favorite dish for the cook-off.

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

5 pin shoot – men, women, kids

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

Kid's calling contest* at least 3 Kids

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING – NEW MEXICO 2014

Hi my name I Eddie M. and I've been an avid passionate predator caller for many years. However in the spring when the predator hunting starts winding down a new passion takes over called spring turkey hunting! Spring turkey hunting can be a blast! Usually the birds are vocal, the temps are tolerable & often you may have more than one opportunity per day IF you really apply yourself & keep hunting. To help P.V.C.I raise money for the last 2 years I have offered the highest bidder a chance to go turkey hunting with me. Now I'm not a guide & this isn't a guided hunt (the Club gets the money). You see when we go I'm not just trying to help you get a turkey, I'm also trying to teach you how to become a turkey hunter so that you might also be able to call & kill your own gobbler someday through books, DVD's & actual hands-on experience. So much happen that I may not be able to tell the whole story & I caution you to continue reading AT YOUR OWN RISK! This spring turkey hunting can be addictive & when the BUG bites it can be hard to come back! Seriously marriages can be ruined, etc. The 2 years that I've done this have added 2 new turkey hunters to the mix, Jared last year and Ryan this year. Both can't wait for next year! I will tell you about the first few days of the 2014 season.

DAY ONE: This year's hunt took place in New Mexico & we had action from the start. We arrive, get dressed & head up the hill, looking for sign & sounding like hens. Near the top of the hill we hear 3 gobblers in the distance. The closest is HOT and did show himself a little too quickly. Ryan had a bad shot & I had the call in my hand when it showed. It walked away gobbling & eventually went quiet (saw something it didn't like). Back to the truck to drive to the camp road. A flock of hens & gobblers are spotted heading uphill on the way. A walk about afterwards yields some action, no birds. We check another location finding sign here & there. Some time is spent wiping out the sign so others don't know. Ryan and I do a Ridge-Walk. Ivan stays in the truck, a little tired & sickly. I thank him in advance because when he stays I've killed before. The Ridge-Walk yields nothing until we round the corner of it. A gobbler answers our yelping and is soon on the way! Ryan quickly sets up in front & downhill a bit. Turkey talk can be heard and approaches Ryan's location. The gobbler is also getting closer. Boom, Ryan shoots! Immediately there is a gobble up on my level. I make some clucks & the bird comes into view all fanned out! It relaxes & goes behind a tree. My gun is up when it reappears. Only the head & neck are in view. Boom, I shoot and the bird goes rolling down the hill with me in pursuit. I eventually get to him & grab a leg then the other & hold it up with the chest to me until it quits flapping. I do this so that the bird stays pretty but the hill beat this one up a little. My shot was 31 steps. Ryan missed but is excited that we got a bird! Yelping on the way back to the truck, we get another answer when we arrive. Both Ryan & Ivan gun up & head towards the bird. It provides excitement only. One far off bird is heard at roosting time. We drive to the camp spot and setup in the dark.

DAY TWO: I wake up late! It is already daylight! The others are quickly woken up. We listen, listen. I ask Ivan to go the camp hill drop-off and start yelping there, then walk back this way. Go back & forth. He does & while walking past us, I tell Ryan that he could sound a little more excited. Just then Ivan does some loud purrs and a gobbler goes off directly behind camp a little ways off. It advances quickly. Again both Ryan & Ivan gun up & head towards the gobblers. I stay back & call very sparingly. One of these guys should get this bird. Boom, Ivan is the one that kills! I grab a camera & run to where they are hearing a distant gobbler in front of us on the way. Ivan is holding the bird correctly, the bird's chest towards his. The gobbler is beautiful! Pictures are taken, the story told, then I ask Ryan to walk & start yelping. He walks away going downhill. Ivan and I head to the truck. I strike the call there and hear 2 birds in front of us. Where is Ryan? Ivan finds him & Ryan & I head towards the 2 birds. They are a little ways out. We walk & walk throwing them a yelp here & here then going quiet & closing the distance. When real close I pour the turkey talk on. They are together & they are coming. Quickly we setup, Ryan is in front shotgun up. I am behind him looking & have no gun, it is Ryan's turn. He doesn't have to wait long. Two birds appear. Crouched behind Ryan, I only see one bird. Boom, Ryan shoots then I notice him with his head down. The gobbler I'm looking at jumps at the shot then turns broadside. I thought that maybe Ryan had missed again and had his head down because he gave up. So I jump out from behind and point at the still standing bird saying, "You can still get him, you can still get him!" In reality, Ryan did kill his bird and was so overcome that he'd killed one that it never even occurred to him that he could shoot the other bird. The gobbler takes off. We now had 3 gobblers in 1 day and a morning. We break camp & head for our Main Location deeper in the woods where member Larry M. is located. He has one hanging also when we get there. The day after Ryan goes home, I kill another bird the next morning & Jared shows up to hunt that evening. Then another whole set of adventures happen! Five guys killed 8 birds!



UPCOMING EVENT: PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR – MAY 10, 2014

On May 10, 2014 the town of Payson will host the 20th Annual “Payson Wildlife Fair.” The Fair is held at Green Valley Park and brings wildlife awareness to the whole town. Admission is free. For the Event, the Lake in the park called Green Valley Lake (one of the Urban Lakes) will be over stocked with 800 lbs. of trout (including some HUGE incentive fish) and open to all to fish for free from the hours of 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Normally an Urban Fishing License is required. There will also be many wildlife booths and displays, games, prizes, some virtual shooting sports, free fishing poles, gear & bait plus instructions for the kids and much more. Smokey the Bear also makes an annual appearance.

Now in the past, PPCI has had a booth at this Event promoting the sport of varmint calling. There is ALWAYS a LOT of interest! Volunteers are needed to help run the booth. You could even make it a weekend to keep trying for turkey?

UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST – JUNE 7, 2014 FREE FISHING DAY!!!

PURPOSE: To find the BEST Fisherman in the Club in both the adult & kids category.

WHERE: ASHURST LAKE in the Coconino National Forest

DATE: Saturday June 7, 2014, FREE FISHING DAY. TIME: Daybreak until 5:00 p.m. You can check-in anytime during the day however the FINAL check-in will be at 5:00p.m.

ENTRY FEE: None, in fact a fishing license is not even required as this is Free Fishing Day and no license is required to fish on all public state waters except on the Indian Reservations.

CONTESTS OPEN TO All PPCI members PLUS their families and friends who may be interested.

There will be 2 categories: Adult – ages 14 and older and children – ages 13 and under. 1st Place prizes will be awarded for the longest fish and the longest stringer. The longest stringer will be the total of all the fish caught. There will start with a limit of 1 prize per person so if the same person has both the longest fish and the longest stringer, he/she will choose their prize and the 2nd longest fish gets the 2nd prize. NOTE: All fish species in Ashurst lake are eligible for the Contest. The trout limit is 6 fish. Boats are okay yet do remember that there is an 8hp limit on the Lake. In addition to the prizes for longest fish & stinger, there will also be a **Free Members & Guests Raffle! You need Not fish in the Contest to be eligible for this Raffle however you DO need to be present.**

As soon as we get the fish officially measured & the fish & Raffle prizes are all given out, it's time for our **Potluck/Fish Fry Dinner** at one of our pre-determined campsite locations **This is a Potluck too so please remember to bring a dish. Also an extra frying pan, fish batter, aluminum foil, etc. to help with getting the fish fried up would be nice..** We have really had some wonderful dinners in the past & many consider this the BEST part of the day, eating & mingling with the other Club members & company.

There is a small fee to stay overnight at a campsite on Ashurst and once inside the Recreation Area you must stay in a campground. If you sleep in the National Forest outside of the Recreation Area you won't be charged. There are good bathroom facilities at the Lake.

*** One way to get to the lake is to take I-17 North to Exit 339. Turn right onto Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road) and go southeast about 20 miles. Turn left onto FR82E and drive east about 4 miles to the Lake. Another route would be to take I-17 North to Exit 306 (Stoneman lake Road). Turn right onto Stoneman Lake Road and drive 16 miles to FH3, then turn left & drive to FR82E, then turn right and drive 4 miles to the Lake. Refer to the Coconino Forest Map.

UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI SWAPMEET – JULY 8th, 2014

Members, friends, vendors, here is a chance to clean out your closets & get rid of rid of some of excess stuff or sell some wares & make some extra money. PPCI is having a Swap Meet on July 8th in place of our Monthly Meeting. Tables are only \$10 each. What you make at your tables is yours. We will also be drawing for a Firearm. Raffle Tickets will be \$5.00 each with No Limit as to how many you may purchase. You need not be present to win. The location will be 12851 N. 19thAve., Lodge #2). PPCI will try to get the doors open at 6:00p.m.

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 & beyond. There are usually trapping & 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 P. 520-678-0254 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. 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!!!

WERE YOU DRAWN?

Winners

Ray E. – Dec. Rifle Cow Elk
Will H. – Rife Cow Elk in 6B
Jessica S. – Rife Cow Elk in 6B

Losers

Ron P. – Nothing AGAIN! 18 elk points now!
Mory T. - Nothing
Eddie M. – Nothing
Scott B. - Nothing

HUNT REPORTS

2014 ANTELOPE EATERS HUNT REPORT:

From Don Martins report:

I was told that last weekend there were 120 teams that were made up of 285 hunters who participated in the Mohave Sportsman Club's Antelope Eaters coyote suppression hunt.

There were 46 coyotes brought in, plus a few foxes and even a bobcat.

Top two teams got four coyotes. One team had 3 coyotes and another had 3 coyotes and a fox.

Club passed out \$3,000 in \$50 bills for those lucky enough to have their ticket drawn out of jar, and they had several thousand dollars worth of prizes.

PVCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

MARCH (NOVICEII) HUNT: This was a sponsored Novice II Hunt where you were supposed to have a t least one Novice on your team. Teams participated consisting of ? people tried their best to get something. Guess what?

No team checked in with any critters.

HUNT PICS



Club Member Jared w/1st turkey!



Elk antlers found by Jared



Elk antlers found by Ivan

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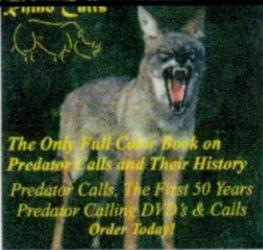
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