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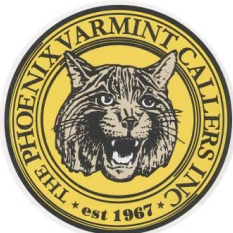
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Presidents Message

So far P.V.C.I. is having a great year! The Christmas Party (since I am definitely politically incorrect) was an outstanding success. Thanks to all who donated and worked hard on the most important event of the club's year. The food was excellent and plentiful, despite Ed's best efforts to finish it off. The club members were generous in their bidding on the live and silent auctions which went off without a hitch this year and the evening seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Enjoy the story and pics inside the Predator Tales. Predator Days at Cabelas went well with some new members joining the club and you would not believe the all day lines at the gun counter! I really respect President Obama for being the gun salesman of the year! The Multi-Club Hunt turned out to be a muddy mess! Detail inside that will be remembered and moaned about for years. Elections are coming up, start thinking about who you would like to be your officers and board members for the next year. If you are unhappy about something in the club, want to change something, start something new, now is your chance. And last but not least, we have club events coming up. The AZ Game and Fish Expo, May Campout and Barbeque, Payson Wildlife Fair, Junior Fishing Derby, etc. We could use volunteers to help man our booths & run our events. Officers and board members will be there, but cannot do everything needed!
Ken E.

Things To Be Aware Of

- ***IT'S A NEW YEAR, 2013.** Along with a new hunting license & lion tag, don't forget to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!** WE need the money that your renewal brings to keep operating.
- ***WARNING:** If you are thinking about putting in for Unit 10 for any Big-Game Hunt, Tom Finley w/AZGFD will be at the Feb. P.V.C.I. Meeting to talk about the Boquillas & Chino Ranch changes.
- *There are 22 members that are either due or past due on paying their membership dues! Look on the front of this Newsletter, if you owe, the words "Membership Due" will appear in RED letters. This money is Club Revenue we need! Please pay if you owe. **To renew costs only \$25. Many individuals are being dropped. It's just not fair to carry you w/o your payment.**
- *Corresponding Secretary Eddie M. believes that the Lifetime Membership price is way too low & has began the process of having this price increased. We last discussed at the January Club Meeting & need to discuss again at the Feb. Meeting. Need your input. For more details, show up at Meeting.
- ***How would you like to receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on the computer instead of in paper form?** Let Membership Chairman James S. know either at Meeting or call (602) 820-5142.
- ***To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to pvcigroup@yahoo.com**



Members of the Year
James & Ruth S.

President Award Recipient
Eddie M.

Top Caller Expert
Dick S. / Left

Top Caller Novice
Airon M. / Right

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THE PVCI 2012 ARIZONA STATE VARMINT CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS by Eddie M.

On Saturday December 15, 2012 the Phoenix Varmint Callers with Cabela's help, hosted the 2012 PVCI Varmint Calling Championship. The Championship was held outside in front of Cabela's with the Contest, callers & distressed calling sounds attracting a good-sized crowd of onlookers. Though this Contest is open to the other calling clubs and the public, the start of the Contest was delayed a little because there was a need to have 7 participants in order to have the Contest. Why this I have NO IDEA? In the old days, there were sometimes close to 100 people participating, if not more. What was it back then that had people so ready to participate? Were the prizes better? Was there more publicity in getting the word out that there would be a "Varmint Calling Contest?" There were a number of Clubs in the state then as there is now. Whether they got along then, who knows? Do we get along now? I don't see a problem? Yet I do not get into the politics either. Though I am a member of PVCI and will stay a member of PVCI, if I hear in advance of an interesting Meeting Topic at another Club such as a bobcat, lion, and turkey or bear calling seminar, then I will probably show up & listen. We do try to get the word out but maybe we could do a better job. Looking back, I being the Corresponding Secretary should have probably attended the other Clubs Monthly Meetings and personally invited them? I do send Newsletters to the Clubs and/or their members and do post the Event on the Arizona Game & Fish "Calendar of Events." Maybe that's not enough?

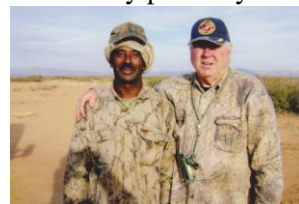
Anyway, Dick S. who ran this Contest entered in order to make the Contest legal. The competition was fierce as usual, each participant using strategy to make their sounds pleasing to the judges. There were two rounds & in the end Dick (who has won & placed numerous times in this competition) ended up winning 1st Place in the Expert Category! 2nd Place went to PVCI member Jerry G. & 3rd Place to PVCI member Steve G. Top Novice Caller went to Airon M.

Though we could have used more participants, all in all it was a good competition. This competition is a learning experience and not easy to win. I got last place and knew on my first round that I'd messed up. I will hopefully learn again from my mistakes and be around in 2013 to compete again. Thanks to Dick S., his wife Pam, the judges, Mory T., Craig B. and Alan F., the other score keeper, all the participants, the crowd and of course Cabela's! Hopefully we'll be back here again next year.



WET PREDATOR HUNT by Eddie M.

We got off to a rather slow start because I woke up just a little late on the Hunt morning. At least my pile of stuff was ready to go. I was ready to leave the house just about the time that I was supposed to be at our meeting spot that was still some miles away. I called Mory and let him know that I was running behind then hurriedly drove my butt to the Meeting spot. Once there more time was lost with me searching for them in the back of the store parking lot while they patiently waited in the front parking lot. After loading up the truck we found a Waffle House & ate breakfast. Then we headed for our hunting destination. Did I mention it was raining & had been off & on for some time. There I just did, in fact when we had loaded up in the parking lot, it had been raining & things were still very wet. In fact again on the drive to our hunting spot, from the highway you could see lots & lots of water practically covering the desert floor. It was in fact very hard to find a dry spot on the flats. This did not change when we arrived at our 1st stop.



Water was everywhere & the dirt road that we ventured down had water flowing towards us! This is what we hunted in on our morning stands. Thank goodness for the raingear that we all had pulled on over our camo clothes. I was hunting with Mory T. & Ivan C. Mory wanted to concentrate on bobcats. After a wet rain is a great time to go after bobcats however during the rain? Since I drove, I made the 1st stand. We all walked through & around lots of water to get to the set-up spot. We all had stools yet I elected to borrow a trick from a very successful California caller from the Predator Callers of Orange County (PCOC) named Gary Clevenger & stay standing. He is very, very successful doing stand-up stands and using a shotgun. Well nothing happen on this stand so we drove deeper inland into the flooded landscape. I am glad that we had 4-wheel drive! Since this was not a Club Hunt we did a blitz where we drop off one guy, keep driving and drop off the next, keep driving then the driver makes his stand then goes back & picks everyone up. The advantage was that we were making three separate spaced stands inside of unknown territory. The disadvantage was that you were calling on our own with no buddies to back you up. Ivan was the first to be let out, then Mory. I drove in the water about 1 mile from Mory & jumped some javelina before parking on a dry spot. The rain came down even harder when I exited the truck. I thought about waiting it out then remembered that since the other guys were both stuck out in the rain calling, I should be calling too. I walked away from the truck, through some flooded tumbleweeds towards a distance tree line. The javelina jumped up from the trees so maybe this was a feature to look for?



My next stand was made standing up on some dry ground inside of & next to a leafless tree with many branches. The way the branches were I was able to lay the shotgun on the branches next to me. I spent about 10 minutes blowing loudly with my Circe Jackrabbit call then switched to a higher pitched baby cottontail sound on my bite-down call. The coyote just suddenly appeared on my left side about 40 yards out & stopped when it was even with me. I looked at it & slowly got my hands on & started to raise the shotgun. The coyote turned & started to leave. I stepped out from the tree & shot. BOOM! I had to shoot it again but not before it had grabbed a hold of my stock with her teeth after I touched her.

After everyone was picked up we kept hunting. On another blitz, Ivan again got out first but this time Mory stayed with me. I again did a stand-up stand when I called & using my Circe jackrabbit call, called in & shot a beautiful light-colored coyote at 35 steps! During the stand we thought that we heard Ivan shoot and upon picking him up found that he had also called & killed one. After this we went to the rocky hills to try for cats. Ivan called in a fox in the hills and Mory would have had the thing but hadn't closed His shotgun the whole way. The fox took off when the shotgun went, Click!

We ended the day with 3 coyotes, all females.

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MULTI-CLUB HUNT RESULTS JAN. 26, 2013

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? A day & a half of steady rain was enough to make it an interesting hunt, as the Chinese would say! Xtreme Predator Callers was hosting the hunt, AZ Deer Assoc. was there ready to feed 150 hunters, and the predators were hungry throughout Arizona. What won that day was the MUD. It took six hours to drag 19 trucks out of the mud at the rendezvous when the sane people decided to abandon the field on Saturday afternoon, sadly that included the planned dinner that night. The harvest count, as close as could be determined was XPC- 7 coyotes and 3 fox, PVCi- 5 coyotes, and APC- 2 coyotes. These numbers do not include any predators that were taken and were no shows at the check-in. Kelly, after consulting with XPC members, will have a plaque made announcing the winners as the survivors of all three clubs who made the check-in.

PREDATOR HUNTING WEBSITES TO VISIT: www.pvci.org, www.predatormasters.com, www.thearizonahunter.com

2012 PVC I ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/AUCTION/POTLUCK REPORT by Ruth S.

I hope that you were able to attend the Annual PVC I Christmas Party held Dec. 4, 2012. . We had a good turnout of members, their families & friends and the Christmas spirit was evident in the smiles on all the faces that were present. The doors opened at 6:00p.m. We were able to get in at 4:00pm to set-up everything. Members were asked to bring one can of food per person as an entry fee for our annual "Dave Kardos" Food Drive for Desert Mission Food Bank. I would like to thank Gary & Ginger Mc. for doing the Food Drive. We collected 1823 pounds of food and water that was donated to Desert Mission. Members were also asked to bring a dish or dessert of some type for the Potluck Style Dinner. Member Brent F. was the auctioneer and did a great job auctioning off the General Auction items making a few more people very happy. The Balloons were done by Heather and Courtney H. they did a wonderful job. The Bucket Raffles was done by James S. I would also like to thank Ken and Kendall for being the cashiers and thanks to Steve L. for doing the Gun Raffle. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the setup and the clean up. Your combined efforts along with those people that purchased items helped to make the Event a BIG Success! We do hope that everyone went on to have a very Merry Christmas and that this New Year will be a Great One!

2012 PVC I ANNUAL AWARDS REPORT by Eddie M.

The PVC I Member-of-the-Year for 2012 went to Ruth & James S. who are a wonderful couple that care about PVC I & want to make a difference & see the Club succeed. You can tell this by the passion they put into what they get involved or volunteer for. In my mind there is NO ONE who is better at getting donated prizes. Ruth has volunteered for several projects & procured prizes for these Events, made a Club scrapbook and run 2 Christmas (we are talking getting prizes, set-up, take-down & all in between) parties! She is also the main person looking into reviving the Varmettes, a woman's group in PVC I that used to be active & do lots for the Club such as sell food & drink, introduce speakers, etc. Husband James is Ruth's other half & Membership Chairman, plus helps on the Newsletter and is the Face Book portion of PVC I.

The PVC I President's Award (the Club's Highest Honor) for 2012 went to member Eddie M. Eddie joined the Club in 1985. He also cares greatly about the Club & gets involved or volunteers at most Club events & Club outings even giving seminars (bear seminar, etc.) when needed. He has been the Newsletter Editor for many, many, many years & just about kills himself gathering ideas, material & pictures for the Newsletter every 2 months. He is currently the Corresponding Secretary, a position that's been held before over the years along with Board Member. You'll find him at practically every Board Meeting, whether holding a position or not. He's also the one who makes sure that the Club Meetings are posted on the AZ. Game & Fish Calendar. An okay caller, Eddie won the 1995 State Varmint Calling Championship & has placed 2nd & 3rd a few times since.



THANK YOU 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. Thankfully Ruth S. did NOT give up & went above & beyond in her efforts to gather prizes for P.V.C.I. In my mind there is NO ONE who is better at getting donated prizes. These are the sporting companies and/or organizations and individuals that said YES to Ruth and DID donate something to our P.V.C.I 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 and 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	American Recreation Products	Az Waterfowl	Battenfeld Technologies
Bear Hunting Magazine	Bell and Carlson	Benchmade	Berger Bullets
Buck Bomb	Buck Knives	Camera Land	Daisy Outdoors Products
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White Oak Arms	Wildlife Research Center	Portrait Innovations	Cabelas

Club Members Who Donated Items

John Toner	Jerry Gollubier	Ray Everidge	Tommy Martin
Eddie Murdock	Brent Fisher	Steve Lemieux	Gary A. McGraw
Jay Nistetter	Dan Schoenfeld	James & Ruth Strang	

More 2012 P.V.C.I Christmas Pictures



CABELA'S PREDATOR DAYS

Promoting the sport of Varmint Calling is the #1 objective in our P.V.C.I Member Handbook and us here at P.V.C.I don't take this objective lightly. Recently Cabela's had a promotional campaign called Predator Days. They had ads for predator guns, clothing & gear plus representatives from various predator calling companies right in the store. The Phoenix Varmint Callers also had a booth at this Event and we promoted the heck out of varmint calling. The coyote & bobcat mounts, photo albums to look at, furs to touch, distress sounds & howling plus answers to your questions. We also promoted our upcoming Bobcat Seminar for the January Club Meeting. There was as always lots of interest & we saw some of these interested people at the January Meeting. Much thanks to all those who helped to run the booth.



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 and Board Members choose a rifle, shotgun, handgun, etc. in advance. Then we here at the BI-Monthly Predator Tales do our best to let you know exactly what those choices will be (hopefully also in advance). Then on the night of the Meeting, with the firearm usually present for all to see, the Raffle Tickets are made available. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 apiece with NO LIMIT on the amount that you may purchase. You need NOT be a member to participate. The Raffle Drawing is usually held that evening and some Lucky Person wins!!! **All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.**

Please pick up your firearm at The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121.

The Gun for February is a double-action .44 Magnum Taurus Revolver. Just in time for Pistol Javelina!

The Gun for March is a Remington Model 700 ADL 30.06. Just in time for Spring Bear season!

Someone will WIN!!! Will it be you? Again there is NO LIMIT on the amount of tickets that you may purchase!

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**

***** ALSO DO NOT FORGET: IT IS NOW LEGAL to hunt Mt. Lions during the day using a rifle or shotgun shooting shot statewide (except the M units, Check your Hunt Regs.). YOU MAY ALSO HUNT LION AT NIGHT WITH THE AID OF AN ARTIFICIAL LIGHT IN THE MULTIPLE LION BAG UNITS WITH A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT.** These Multiple Hunt Units are open until at least June 30, 2013 or if/when the bag limit is reached. Please Check Hunt Regs. Remember to report your kill within 48 hours. Call 1-877-438-0447 before you hunt to be sure your unit is still open & to report your kill. Also to be a volunteer at the booth for upcoming Club Events call Ken at 602-550-0449.

Feb. 1-2 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma.

Feb. 2 – FUR SALE at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. Sponsored by the Arizona Trappers Assoc., (ATA).

Feb 3 - Jr. javelina season closes. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

Feb. 5 - This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. (**Club Nominations**)

Feb. 8 – Various javelina H.A.M. hunts open in select hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 9-10 – PVCI Monthly Hunt (usually this is the Handgun, archery or muzzleloader only hunt)? Details at Meeting?

Feb. 10 – Coyote & fox season ends on the Kofa & Imperial Wildlife Refuges.

Feb. 10 – All quail seasons end (except falconry) statewide. Chukar season ends. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 12 – Deadline for the fall 2013 Arizona elk & antelope applications! 7:00p.m. is the cutoff time!

Feb. 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Feb. 22 – Various Rifle Spring Javelina Season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Feb. 22-24 – Javelina Hunt & Outdoor Fair. Units 17A/B, 19B, 20A. www.huntfair.com

Feb. 28 – Trapping season ends.

Mar. 1 – Night Hunting of coyotes opens in select Hunt Units. Shotgun On;y! Light must not be attached to or operated from a vehicle. Hunt Units 2A, 4A, 10, 13A, 17A, 17B, 28, 31, 32, 34B, 35A & 35B. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. ???– Annual Antelope Eaters Hunt. Check-in has been in Seligman, AZ. Check the Mohave Sportsmans website.

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

Mar. 8-9 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Tucson.

Mar. 9-10 – PVCI Monthly Hunt! This is the Novice II Hunt. Normally teams MUST have a Novice to qualify.

Mar. 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Mar. 22 – Spring Bear Season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 23-24 – Arizona Game & Fish Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Free admission & parking.

Mar. 31 – Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, ringtail, weasel, coatimundi & gunnison's prairie dog seasons end.

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

*****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!

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBER: Demetrios S. WELCOME!!! PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 186 Members

UPCOMING EVENTS: ARIZONA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) FUR SALE – FEB 2, 2013

Hopefully you have had a good year and skinned your kills this fall & winter. According to Fur-Fish-Game the prices of wild fur pelts are doing quite well. Where do you go to sell your pelts though? One option is the ATA Fur Sale that is held annually at the Gila County Fairgrounds near Globe, AZ. The 2013 Fur Sale is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2013. It would be nice if you would let the ATA know how many pelts you have in advance of the sale as the more fur that is scheduled to be there, the easier it is to get fur buyers to show up. Typically the more fur buyers that show up, the more competition there is amongst them and thus higher prices are paid out to you for your fur. Call Mike at (480) 970-5904. (May be too late, the deadline was Jan. 25th.) The averages & highs for this FUR SALE in 2012 were \$334 & \$1,000 for bobcat, \$36 & \$85 for coyote & \$19 & \$27 for gray fox! 388 bobcats, 186 coyotes & 250 gray foxes were sold in 2012.

PVCI FUR PREP DAY- WE NEED A PLACE TO HAVE ONE??

We as a Club have NOT been killing that many critters the last couple of years thus there haven't been that many critters saved to put up on this day. There is always some interest in the How-To of getting your pelts ready for sale and/or the tannery & especially with all the new faces I know that there is interest. We have gotta have two things in order for this to happen. #1) We must have a members house to have it over. Preferably with a Big backyard with brick or wooden walls & some extra parking on the block as a few members will probably show. #2) We need a good number of pelts to do. Just having 1 to 5 pets only really isn't worth it. So, so far, like last year, no date has been scheduled. If we can use your backyard (call Ken E. at (602) 550-0449 & let him know) then maybe we can schedule a date?

YOUTH TRAPPER'S CAMP – FEB 16-18, 2013

On Feb. 16 – 18, 2013 the Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) will be conducting its 3rd Annual Youth Trappers Camp. A Certified Trappers Course will be given followed by hands-on training. Age restrictions will be youth 10-17 years old & is limited to only 18 kids. Sign up early, space is limited. Location: Mayer at Chauncey Ranch. Hosted by the SWFH. Please REGISTER at www.southwestfurharvesters.com Questions call Don Rhoton (928) 532-5776.

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOORS EXPO – MARCH 23 – 24, 2013

This years Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 23 – 24, 2013 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 probably be raffling off something, not sure what yet. Each year this Event attracts over 15,000 people & 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

PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE – MAY 18-19, 2013

This year's Annual Campout & Barbecue will be scheduled for May 18-19, 2013. 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 outdoor event 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. A map and Schedule of Events should appear in the April-May 2013 Predator Tales. Hope that you and the family and friends can make it. Member Tommy M. has graciously accepted to head this Event for the 3rd year! 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. go to 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!

PVCI CLUB ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN APRIL YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!!!

You don't have to be a political person or wear a suit & 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 and 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 and betterment of the Club. Do not forget that if you believe that you are that person, that YOU CAN ALSO NOMINATE YOURSELF!**

OUR BY-LAWS STATE: 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. These are my definitions:

President: The Head Honcho, the Main Man. Responsible for running both the Monthly 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 Monthly and the Board. Votes on issues discussed at these Board Meetings plus 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Gary A.M. & Ginger
Married 15 years on Feb. 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The February Club Meeting will feature speaker Tom Finley of the AZGFD. One topic he will talk about is the Big Boquillas Ranch in Unit 10. Big changes are reputed to have happen there. The other topic will be about the Chino Valley Ranches. The Meeting is held at 12851 N. 19th Ave. & starts at 7:00P.M.

POSSIBLE MONTHLY TOPICS

MARCH – Night Hunting

APRIL- Turkey Hunt Seminar

APRIL19-21, 2013 – Marvin Robbins Youth Spring Turkey Hunt. PVCI is one of the host along with NWTF, AES & AZGFD. Your help is needed.



The good ole Arizona deserts. Where else can you have below freezing temperatures one week during the night and then daytime temps in the 80's the very next week? Why am I writing about bees in late January? Because both stories that I am about to tell happen in February and both had the potential to be very disastrous. Read on as I believe that my reaction & the grace of the good Lord were what prevented the worse (multiple, multiple bee stings or worse) from happening.

I journeyed West one night to go predator hunting. I don't remember if for a Club Hunt or just for fun. As I am lots of times, my shadow was my only companion (where it goes at night, who knows?) or in other words, I was alone. Arriving in my area, I drove to the back of some farm fields next to the thick brush to find a place where I could stretch out & sleep on the ground. On the way in, the headlights picked up a coyote hunting in the fields. Making a mental note, I continued driving until I hit the T of the road that separated the farm fields from the dry river bottom brush. Since the wind was blowing from left to right, I took a right & went downwind of the coyote to sleep. I then fell asleep in the truck sitting up & then decided to just stay in the truck to keep any human scent or noise from messing things up. In the morning, I got dressed, loaded the shotgun & quietly headed upwind to call. Setting up and using the Tally-Ho in cottontail mode I shot a coyote at about 15 steps. The next stand I called & shot a gray fox. About 11'ish or noon'ish I got sleepy & parked the truck. I put the cooler in the shade then grabbed a space blanket & walked away from the truck a short distance. Finding some good shade, I made a hip hole & went to sleep stretched out on the ground on top of the space blanket. What happen next I'll never forget!

Waking up I noticed bees in the air & when I sat up, one was suddenly in my face. I waited until I was sure & killed it. Remembering a past Club Meeting, the woman speaker said that the killer bees emit a cry & alarm scent when killed. This scent when smelled by the other bees will agitate them causing more bees to show, so I also buried it. When I moved to get my boots, of a sudden, there were 3 more bees in my face & buzzing around me. I also killed & buried 2 of these bees. Things seemed a little unusual, there seemed to be bees all over & I ended up putting my boots on by moving very slowly.

Wow!!! When I stood up, 6 or 7 bees were immediately in my face & buzzing me up & down! I waited, waited, until they kind of went away, then turned & looked towards my truck. More bees were again immediately in my face, buzzing me up & down, almost daring me to move. Looking at the truck, my jaw just dropped as there were approx. 700to 800 bees between the truck & myself! They were in the air, on the cooler, around the truck, in my face, EVERYWHERE!!! What do you do???

One thing to not do was to panic & I am so, so glad that no other person or animal was with me! To me, I needed to get to the truck which was some 40 yards away. Things were scary, real scary! Each & every step, the bees were in my face, BIG TIME! They would be there checking me out, sometimes even hitting my face & other parts of my body. They would also go up & down the length of my body, just daring me it seemed to move again. I would take a slow step, face the intensity of the bees, wait until they were satisfied and then take another slow step. I really believe that had I started swatting or even tried to run or that if there had been a dog there moving around, that a vicious attack would have happen.

The truck got closer & closer and I finally opened the door and got inside and slowly rolled up the window. Then I started the truck & leaving the cooler behind I went 2 miles before getting out & making another stand. Towards the end of that stand more bees than normal again started to show. I waited a bit then drove back to the area to see what it looked like & possibly pick up my cooler. The bees were gone. I got the cooler & kept calling, keeping an eye out for more bees.

The 2nd time was on a pistol javelina hunt in Unit 36B. I ended up shooting a huge pig on a hill in a deep draw after a good stalk. The problem was that the pig died right beside a hole in the ground that was a beehive. In fact the bees probably helped kill the javelina as they were stinging it in its last death throes. I was downhill & standing approx. 15 yards from the critter before I noticed the bees. They let me know by again showing up in my face & going up & down my body, daring me to move. I slowly sunk to the ground & slowly tried crawling my way towards the javelina to retrieve it & get it out of there. On every movement, the bees were in my face, hitting me in the face & shoulders. I slowly inched my way until I was within reaching distance, then after a bit grabbed the pig by the back leg & ran down the hill with it for some distance. The hill was not open but covered with tall brush. This I believe helped me in my get away. I then made my way over to my buddy Hal who had been patiently waiting & explained what happen. It had taken me 45 minutes to retrieve the javelina. Again I believe that my actions or rather my lack of actions, not panicking & swatting were what saved me from having different results. In both situations I avoided even one bee sting. If you are ever in this situation, remember what I went through, remember my stories.



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

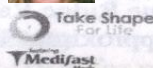
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The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. is dedicated to introducing children to hunting by offering a wide variety of juniors only hunting & shooting programs. These programs are designed to get children in the field with a parent or guardian who can focus on 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 of the 2012/2013 AZ. Hunt Regs. You will note that there are also some events for the ladies.

Feb. 15-17 – Women's Javelina HAM Hunt Camp: Just for women who want to learn outdoor skills, how to hunt, camp, have fun; food provided. Location: Tucson area, Units 36A, B & C. Hosted by Coueswhitetail.com & Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Register: www.coueswhitetail.com/womens_javelina_hunt_2013.htm

YOUTH TRAPPER'S CAMP: On Feb. 16 – 18, 2013 the Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) will be conducting it's 3rd Annual Trappers Youth Camp. A Certified Trappers Course will be given followed by hands-on training. Age restrictions will be youth 10-17 years old and is limited to only 18 kids. Sign up early as space is limited. Location: Mayer at Chauncey Ranch. Register at www.southwestfurarvesters.com Questions call Don Rhoton (928) 532-5776.

Feb. 16 – SE AZ Youth Quail Hunt: Hunt quail behind well-trained pointing dogs, lunch given. Location: Las Cienega National Conservation. Hosted by Cochise Bird Dog Club & AZ. Quail Forever. Register: Dave Higgins (520) 378-4114.

Feb. 22-24 – Javelina Hunt & Outdoor Fair: Learn to hunt javelina, seminars, field assist, predator calling, vendors. Location: Prescott area Units 17B, 18B, 20A & C. Information: www.huntingfair.com Host: ABA, AZGFD, OE4A.

Mar. 8-10 – Junior's Jackrabbit Kamp: Learn to hunt jackrabbits, other outdoor activities. Hunter Ed required. Food provided. Location: Tucson area-Three Points. Register: Lisa Marie Gandara (520) 312-8099; azsci@yahoo.com

April 19-21 – Marvin Robbins Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Camp: Learn & get assistance hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camp & food. Location: Payson area, Colcord Ridge Campground. Hosted by NWTF, AES, PPCI & AZGFD. Contact Rich Williams, rich@saselectric.com

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. Remember that Night Hunting of coyotes w/Shotgun Only begins March 1st in some units!

Feb. 9-10, 2013 – Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader Optional extra points Hunt. Receive extra points by killing with H.A.M. instead of rifles & shotguns.

Mar. (??), 2013 – Antelope Eaters Hunt

Mar. 30, 2013 – Save-A-Fawn Hunt

Mar. 5, 2013 - PPCI Club (Novice II) Hunt

Apr. 2, 2013 – End of PPCI 6-Month Hunt

Novice on team needed to qualify. Last hunt.

MARCH "NOVICE II" HUNT – MARCH 9-10, 2013

The upcoming March Monthly Hunt will be the last scheduled PPCI Hunt of the 2011/2012 season. This last hunt is normally a Novice Hunt, our 2nd of the season thus we call it the Novice II Hunt. For those who may not know, the PPCI Novice Hunts are designed with the Novice in mind. These hunts match a Novice with an Expert for 1 or 2 days of hands-on experience, the Expert trying to show the Novice just how they go about harvesting critters.

Incidentally the March Monthly Meeting is normally also geared towards Novices. Sometime during the night the Expert/Novice matchups will also happen. How the Hunt Chairman goes about this is anybody's guess but the goal will be to make sure that every Novice has an Expert to hunt with. Sound like fun? See you at the March Meeting!

PCCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

DECEMBER MONTHLY HUNT: There were 8 teams that went out, with 3 Coyotes and 2 Fox turned in.

1st Place: Ken E. & Jerry G.

2nd Place: Craig B. & Charles H.

3rd Place: Bob & Terry

Total Harvest: 2 coyotes & 1 Fox

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Total Harvest: 1 Fox

JANUARY MONTHLY HUNT: There 6 Coyotes turned in.

1st Place: Brent F. & Larry S. **Total Harvest:** 3 coyotes

2nd Place: Bob & Terry **Total Harvest:** 3 coyotes



Coyote called by Ken E. & shot by Mike F.



The Late Dave K. With 1st .220 Swift Coyote



Whopper Elk! Don't forget the fall hunt Elk/Antelope Deadline Feb 12



Tim N. with Ring-Neck Duck

Mexico success- a double-double! by Tommy M.

My hunt in Mexico was TOTALLY awesome, thanks to Mike Grootegoed! The first buck that was glassed up that morning I found, and it had double eye-guards! It looked great to me, but Mike said it probably was under 100" due to the ears being wider than it's rack, so we passed on it. The second buck we glassed up Mike found, and it ended up being the first one I took. He was taken around 9:30 the first day with a 365 yd shot from my Winchester .270 WSM.



Later that day we went with Juan Pablo, the ranch owner, to try and find a huge buck his cowboys had seen that morning. Juan Pablo glassed-up the buck; it was up against a cliff and hiding behind some brush and an ocotillo. He was touted as being a buck of a lifetime-he had a 3 pointed spoon on one side and two stickers on the other- a 4x5 with a lot of mass, tine length, width and character. I decided to try and take this deer too, so I climbed around the ridge opposite him and made a 260 yd shot.

Later that evening we taped the first buck-he was 105 inches! The second buck taped at 124 inches! Two great bucks in one day, both gnarly looking non-typical!

Two days later we glassed up some javelina and after a chase over a ridge and into a canyon, I took 2 out of the same herd with 160 yd shots from the same shooting position, also with the Winchester. Both were sows, one weighed 51 lbs, the other 55 lbs.

Thanks again Mike!



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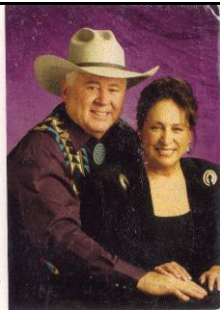
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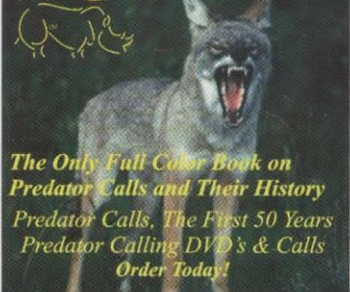


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