



### Presidents Message - Ken E.

If this is supposed to be the slow time of our year, why are so many things going on? Bad news first! You re-elected me. Luckily our experienced board & officers know how to keep me under control & they enjoy cracking the whip. I do have to thank the club members for supporting me with excellent choices in who they voted for in the other officers & board members. This will make the year run much smoother. I will owe a lot to Craig, Ed, Ray, Dan, James, Steve, Tommy, Allan, Mark & Scott, since I have finally learned to delegate.

The good news ranges from how many things are going well for the club ranging from participation of club members in our events to how our partnerships are enabling us in how we want to grow & give back to our sport.

I should have some major announcements at the next general meeting as things are finalized!

### Things To Be Aware Of: The PPCI Website & Hunting Forum is Back Up! [www.ppci.org](http://www.ppci.org)

\* Saturday June 8, 2013 is the date of the Annual PPCI Fishing Contest. This is also FREE Fishing Day & NO Fishing License is Required on any public waters statewide except for the Indian Reservations. Ashurst Lake is the Lake. Potluck/Fish Fry Saturday night. Don't forget about the FREE MEMBERS & GUEST RAFFLE! You don't have to fish however you MUST BE PRESENT to be in the Raffle.

\* 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 laying around. The money you make is yours. There is even room for boats (there is the parking lot). [www.sportsmancommunity.com](http://www.sportsmancommunity.com)

\* The Arizona Trappers Assoc. (ATA) Convention will be held July 26-27, 2013 at the Gila 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. Potluck Saturday for food.

**\*To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to [pvcigroup@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com)**

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## 2013 PVCI SPORTS SWAP by Ray E.



### HUNTING, CAMPING & FISHING SWAP MEET



**WHEN: JULY 2, 2013 - 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!

#### **RENT AN 8 FOOT TABLE FOR ONLY \$10.00**

The Money you make is yours to keep!

**Tables are limited, so book early!**



Get your tickets for our Gun Raffle at the Event!

**July gun is a .243 Savage Axis – No Scope.** Tickets will be \$5 each, NO LIMIT on how many you can buy.

The SNACK BAR will also be open!

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

For More Information or To Reserve a Table,

Contact Ray E. at [ray@sportsmancommunity.com](mailto:ray@sportsmancommunity.com)



## PVCI – Outdoor Rec Day at Chase Field



For those of you that missed out on Outdoor Rec Day with the AZ Diamondbacks, I just want to say you missed out on a good time at the Wade Miley Gnome Day. We showed up about 11:30 am on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> to set up right next to the Diamond Backs Booth at the West Entrance of Chase Field. They said they wanted us next to them to make a lot of noise. We didn't have a problem doing that. I think next year they may move us a couple blocks away from them. Ken E., Kendall E., Jerry G., Corinna G., Taylor G., James S., Ruth S. and Tesa S. spent the day representing PVCI at the booth. We got a visit from Baxter the D-Back Mascot for a Photo Op with our PVCI Bobcat. Eddie Corona from O4AE came over with Jason Mariner from the D-Backs and took Ruth, Tesa, Corinna and Taylor on a mini-tour behind the scenes at Chase Field. We answered a lot of questions from the public that were not "Hunters." I think they were surprised by some of the good information we were able to give them as to why it is important to manage our wildlife. We were well received by a lot of non-hunting people. Jerry G. represented our Club on National TV as he was asked to give a couple of examples of calling sequences; if you go to our PVCI website <http://www.pvci.org/> PVCI Webmaster Tommy M. has provided the link to view the video. Next came the fun part heading to the game against the Colorado Rockies with some great seats, a Hot Dog and a Beer. Cody Ross came through with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning as the D-backs walked off with a wild win. Arizona starter Wade Miley didn't allow a run despite issuing a career-high seven walks and the Rockies further limited their offense with some miscues on the base paths. We are looking forward to being invited back next year. Remember if you enjoy baseball and are a current member of **PVCI WE GET DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO THE GAMES!!!**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congrats to Ron & Lana P. Married 26 years on June 13<sup>th</sup>!!!

## .....SEEING THROUGH THEIR EYES..... by Eddie M.

The Place: Gates of Coyote Heaven The Actors: Coyotes that have met their end talking about humans.

So how did you die? A car hit me on something called a highway, how about you? A cougar caught me at his kill. Hey Joe, what brought you here? He looks at the ground, a human. No way, you let one of them take you down? Humans are the noisiest, smelliest most obvious critter out there except for maybe sheep. What happen? Well I had only caught two mice the night before & I was hungry. Then I hear a rabbit wailing close to where that young fox hangs out, then silence! I kind of let my guard down. I mean immediately my mind went to the Human 101 instructions that Mom taught us when we were pups. "Humans are an ever present danger, you can never be too careful," she use to tell us. "If something is too good to be true, then there is probably a human involved." I can also remember laughing with the pack at the human callers trying to sound like rabbits. Mom said that humans usually make an announcement when they arrive. Most slam their doors shut. You can hear the Boom, Boom for a long ways. Their voices are another giveaway. Between their voices and the noisy walking you can usually tell which way they are headed.....and if you are unsure of what you heard, just look & you will often see their shiny driving things. You can also just head downwind. You just can't mistake their smell, Yuck! This one got me by surprise. I mean those driving things go by all the time but I didn't hear any booming noises. Maybe had I gone downwind first I'd still be alive but the wailing sound was so close and I hadn't heard humans so I ran over there fast! I had no idea that one of those noisy, obvious humans was even around until it was too late.

## ARIZONA UNIT 1 SPRING TURKEY HUNT by Eddie M.



The year 2013 proved to be a difficult one for myself & others hunting spring turkeys. The wind was the main culprit. When it gets really windy not only can you not hear the gobblers the gobblers also cannot hear you. This was by far the windiest year ever as far as my hunting career goes. Things started out sort of good. I arrived in the unit late on opening day & had time to do a little calling before roosting time however I also got busted by a bird that saw me walking & disappeared.



On opening morning I heard 2 far off birds before the wind kicked in. This wind would continue to be a factor for the next 3 days. It blew so hard that sometimes instead of hunting from 10:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. I would just go to sleep, something that is somewhat unusual for me during a live turkey hunt. I did here some birds here & there & even had the birds close enough that my shotgun was raised a couple times but no shots were fired as I couldn't get the birds to fully commit.

Threats of rain and even higher winds were what the forecast called for on the 4<sup>th</sup> night. I drove to the opposite side of the canyon that I'd been sleeping on. I heard nothing that evening (too windy) & woke up to snow in the morning. Snow in May! I got dressed & did lots of walking & yelping. I heard nothing & saw no fresh tracks. At one point coming back to the main road I almost went back to the truck to hunt another area. I soon realized though that the area I wanted to go too was just up the road. So I walked & yelped some more, this time heading for the up & down canyon country instead of the open woods. I walked up a hill (still in the snow) & past a waterhole, yelping here & there when it happened! I hear turkeys yelping! I quickly reached one side of a big tree and stopped and leaned against it just before two heads popped into view downhill from me. The birds looked & looked and then the heads went back down out of sight.

I dropped to my knees & got the shotgun off of my shoulder & pointed in their direction. Nothing happen so I lowered the shotgun, got my slate call out & made a few yelps & clucks then raised the shotgun again. Still nothing, so I tried the call again & raised the shotgun again. After a bit I got tired of holding the shotgun up & slowly lowered it until it rested on the ground. That was when two heads again popped up looking, this time a little to the right of where they were before. Soon the heads had necks and then bodies as at least 9 birds came into full view. I saw that at least 2 birds had beards but they were jakes. No matter, I picked out one jake on the far-left side & started raising the shotgun while watching the whole flock. They were just starting to get a little nervous when I fully shouldered the weapon, placed it at mid-neck, made sure it was lined up & pulled the trigger, BOOM! Success, my first snow turkey! Hey it's a jake that'll make fine, fine eating

## New Mexico Turkey Hunt by Jessica S.



I tagged out with this nice Taken on 4-22-13 before we weight him but we estimated at spurs and a 7" beard. He was lose a feather. I took him to first bird mount. He was

of equal size and no hens. This is my 3rd and largest one I held down myself (what a weird experience!).



tom. Shot at 59 paces. left New Mexico. I didn't least 20 pounds, 1 inch in perfect shape & didn't the taxidermist to be my running with another tom bird to date, also the first



Gun used: 870 Super Magnum, 3.5" Kent #6, Jelly-Head Choke.

# PVCI 2013 ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE REPORT



## PVC I 2013 BARBECUE SHOOT RESULTS

<b>WOMEN'S .22 RIFLE</b>	<b>MEN'S .22 RIFLE</b>	<b>WOMEN'S .22 PISTOL</b>	<b>MEN'S .22 PISTOL</b>
1) Kendall E.	1) Gary A. M.	1) Kendall E.	1) Gary A. M.
2) Corinna G.	2) Bob J.	2) Ruth S.	2) Steve L.
3) Ruth S.	3) Craig B.	3) Heather H.	3) Jason S.
<b>MUZZLELOADER</b>	<b>3D ARCHERY</b>	<b>KIDS .22 RIFLE</b>	<b>KIDS .22 PISTOL</b>
1) Gary A.M. w/Iron sights	1) James S	1) Alex M.	1) Alex M.
2) Tommy M. – w/Scope	2) Gary A.M.	2) Christopher R.	2) Christopher R.
3) Ken E. w/Iron sights	3) Scott H.	3) Braeden B.	3) Taylor G.
<b>WOMEN'S GONG SHOOT</b>	<b>MEN'S GONG SHOOT</b>	<b>WOMEN'S 5-PIN</b>	<b>KIDS CALLING CONTEST</b>
1) Corinna G.	1) Gary A.M.	1) Corinna G. 4 Pins	1) Braeden B.
2) Heather H.	2) Jorge M.	2) Heather H. 2 Pins	2) Christopher R.
2) Kendall E.	2) Craig B.	3) Ruth S. 2 Pins	3) Alex M.
<b>WOMEN'S TOP SHOOTER</b>	<b>MEN'S TOP SHOOTER</b>	<b>TOP KIDS SHOOTER</b>	<b>MEN'S 5-PIN</b>
Kendall E.	Gary A.M.	Alex M.	1) Gary A.M. – 3.5 sec.
			2) Bob B. – 4.1 sec.
			3) Jorge M. – 4.5 sec.
			<b>JUG SHOOT WINNER</b>
			Jorge M. <b>\$44</b>

The 2013 PVC I Campout & BBQ was held at Moqui Draw in the Coconino National Forest May 18-19, 2013 & was attended by approximately 40 people. It was breezy but otherwise the weather was great. There weren't any fire restrictions, so many enjoyed a cozy fire in the evening. The shooting events were a lot of fun as we had a bunch of ties with resulting shoot-offs. There were 120 shooters signed up across the various events, not including the jug shoot. The shooting events on Saturday began with the Kids .22 pistol & rifle events. There were 7 contestants: Alex M., Taylor G., Tesa S., Christopher, Christian & Carson R. & Braeden B.

In the pistol match, Alex took 1<sup>st</sup> place with 6 points, Christopher came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4 points and Taylor came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 3 points. In the rifle match, Alex M. & Christopher R. tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with 7 points each. They had a shoot-off to break the tie: Alex edged Christopher 4 points to 3, so Alex wound up taking 1<sup>st</sup> place, Christopher took 2<sup>nd</sup> & Braeden came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 5 points. Since all the youths participated in the .22 shooting events, it was decided to cancel the BB gun shoot.

The next event was the women's .22 pistol and rifle shoot. There were 4 contestants. In the pistol match, Ruth and Kendall tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with 2 points each and Corinna and Heather tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1 point each, so there was a double shoot-off. Kendall broke the tie with 3 points to Ruth's 0, so Kendall took 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Corinna and Heather's shoot-off resulted in another tie with 1 point each, so another shoot off was held. Heather edged out Corinna and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the rifle shoot, Kendall took 1<sup>st</sup> place with 8 points, Corinna and Ruth tied with 3 points, so a shoot-off was held. Corinna won with 4 points to Ruth's 3 points, so Corinna took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ruth took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Next was the men's .22 pistol shoot. There were 17 shooters: Gary took 1<sup>st</sup> place w/ 9 points, Steve came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 5 points & there was a tie between Jason & James with 4 points. Tie breaker was won by Jason, so he took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

For the men's .22 rifle, there were 18 shooters: all the pistol shooters plus Tom S. Gary took 1<sup>st</sup> with 8 points, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> with 7 points & Craig got 3<sup>rd</sup> with 6 points. Next up was the women's gong shoot. There were 4 contestants: Corinna took 1<sup>st</sup> place with 10 points, Heather & Kendall tied for second place with 4 points.

In the men's gong shoot there were 20 shooters: Bob J., Jerry G. & Jesse G., Steve L., Gary A.M., Tom S., Marshall S., James S., Jerry F., Scott B., Scott H., Jorge M., Ken E., A.J., Tommy M., Jason S., Mike P., Mark M., Dana L. & Craig B. Gary won 1<sup>st</sup> place with 10 points, Jorge & Craig tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 8 points & Jason & Bob tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 7 points. There wasn't a shoot-off due to time constraints, plus there wasn't an individual award for this event anyway.

After lunch we held the 3-D archery shoot. There were 11 archers: Jerry G., Taylor G., Steve L., Gary A.M., James S., Ruth S., Scott H., Ken E., Kendall E., Dana L. and Ryan L. Gary & James tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with 12 points and Scott came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 11 points. James & Gary broke the tie with closest to the center shots-James edging out Gary for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Next up was the muzzleloader shoot. There were 6 smoke-pole shooters: Bob J., Gary A.M., Jerry F., Ken E., Kendall E., & Tommy M. Tommy, Ken and Gary tied with 10 points each. We had a shoot-off with the winner closest to the center of a paper target. Gary won using iron sights against Tommy's 2<sup>nd</sup> closest (with a scoped muzzleloader), followed by Ken in a close 3<sup>rd</sup> with iron sights also.

We used up the day already, so we started preparing for the evening dinner. Tommy made elk carne asada tacos or burritos & all the fixings, whitetail chili, homemade salsa, chips, plus there was lots of other good food and deserts that other folks brought. A big thanks to everyone who brought food. On Sunday we started with the women's 5-pin shoot. Corinna won 1<sup>st</sup> place, shooting 4 pins in 9.4 sec, Heather won 2<sup>nd</sup> place w/2 pins in 7.3 sec & Ruth won 3<sup>rd</sup> place w/2 pins in 7.5 sec.

Men's 5-pin shoot had 18 shooters: Amazingly there was another tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place: Gary & Bob both shot 5 pins in 3.6 seconds! WOW! Jorge did well too, 5 pins in 4.5 seconds. The shoot-off between Gary & Bob, Gary winning 1<sup>st</sup> place w/ 5 pins in 3.5 seconds to Bob's 5 pins in 4.1 seconds. Lots of others hit 5 pins too; Jason, Mark, Craig & Steve, ranging from 4.9 to 6.5 seconds! It was a real tight match! Next up was the pistol jug shoot. The pot total was \$44. I didn't count how many shots were taken before it was hit, somewhere around 15 I think. Then Jorge hit it and won the pot. It was a Gatorade bottle hanging from a tree on the hill at 74 yards. We had run late, so it was decided to forgo the muzzleloader jug shoot this year. There is still \$16 in the pot for next time.

After everyone helped clean-up the shooting area, we had enough young ones for a calling contest. The contestants were Braeden B., Christopher, M. & Carson R., Alex M. and Taylor G. Craig B., Eddie M. and Mike F. were the judges. All the callers sounded good, so I'm glad I wasn't a judge. They tallied the points up, the winners were: Top youth varmint caller was Braeden B. He won the custom engraved 2013 Top Varmint Caller open reed varmint call. 2<sup>nd</sup> place youth varmint caller was Christopher R. 3<sup>rd</sup> place youth varmint caller was Alex M. 4<sup>th</sup> place youth varmint caller was Christian R. A BIG THANKS to Steve L. for donating some extra coyote howlers & varmint calls. We were able to give prizes to 4 of the 6 youth calling contestants. We then gave out the custom engraved calls to all the shooting contest winners: Top Youth shooter was Alex M. Youth 2<sup>nd</sup> place shooter was Christopher R. Youth 3<sup>rd</sup> place shooter was Taylor G. Top Men's shooter: Gary A.M.. Top Women's shooter: Kendall E. drawing for the John Toner knife raffle was held. There were 198 tickets sold. Gary A.M. held the winning ticket. Congratulations to all!! Everyone had a great time! Hope to see you all again next year.

## 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.

**The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121.**

**The Gun for June is a 22.250 Savage Axis – No Scope**

**The Gun for July is a .243 Savage Axis – No Scope**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Meeting is located at 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2, in Phoenix, AZ. Start time is 7:00p.m**

May 23 – All Arizona Spring Turkey Seasons end.

**May 31 – Night Hunting for coyotes in select hunting units ends.** Also Tassel-eared squirrel in Unit 33 ends.

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

Jun 8 – Free Fishing Day so let's have the PVCI Annual Fishing Contest at Ashurst Lake! Prizes plus Free **Guests & Members Raffle!** Also **Potluck/Fish Fry** on Saturday Night!!! There are bathroom facilities at the Lake. See you there!

Jun 11 - Deadline for the Fall 2013 Hunt Applications. You can use a credit card & put in online this year. Check Regs.

Jun 14 – The Any Buffalo Hunt in Hunt Units 12A, 12B & 13A ends.

**June 14-15 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Region V, Mesa (480) 981-9400.**

**Jun 15-16 Wapiti Weekend: Sipes White Mtn. Wildlife Area. Hosted by AZ. Elk Society. Contact [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) ?**

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

Jun 26-29 – Air Rifle Camp: 4-day co-ed shooting camp for youth w/some shooting experience ages 7-18. Info inside.

July – There are No Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meetings in July.

July 1 – Coyote & Skunk Season opens on Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge. Check your Hunt Regs & their Hunt Regs.

July 1 – Tassel-eared Tree Squirrel season opens in Hunt Unit 31. Check your Hunt Regs.

July 1 – Gunnison's Prairie Dog Season opens statewide excluding national Wildlife Refuges. Check your Hunt Regs.

July 2 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. PVCI ANNUAL SWAP MEET to take the place of the Monthly Meeting. Swap Meet held at Meeting location. Tables to sell your wares are \$10 each. Money you make is yours to keep. To reserve an 8ft. table please e-mail [ray@sportsmancommunity.com](mailto:ray@sportsmancommunity.com) The gun of the month is a **.243 Savage Axis – No Scope**. Tickets will be \$5 each, NO LIMIT on how many you can buy.

July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY!!! Happy Birthday America!!!

July 13-14 – Arizona Elk Society (AES) Wildlife Habitat Work Project – Buck Springs. More information inside.

July 17 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

July 19-21 – Arizona Bowhunter Happening, Mormon Lake area. Hosted by ABA. Info at [www.arizonabowhunters.org](http://www.arizonabowhunters.org)

July 26-27 – AZ Trappers Assoc. (ATA) Convention at Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. To me this is like a Mountain Man get together with the trappers, callers, hunters & other outdoors people from all over getting together for hunt & trap seminars, friendly competitions, raffles & live & silent Auctions. Pick up hunt, call& trap supplies also. Miss Rodeo should be here too!

Aug. 1– Bobcat, fox, raccoon, weasel, ringtail & badger seasons open most of state. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 2-3 – AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Region II, Flagstaff (928) 774-5045. Deadline for Photo Contest.

Aug. 6 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Aug. 9 – 2013 Fall Hunt Tags should be mailed out by now. Archery Antelope Season some Hunt Units. Check Regs.

Aug. 9 – Rifle Bear & some Limited Opportunity Rifle Elk Seasons open in select hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

**\*\*\*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 James S. or his wife Ruth S. at (602) 524-3586 or (602) 820-5142. Renewal Fees help the Club!

**PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:** James B., Mathew G., Rick J., Clint K., Adam P. **WELCOME!!!**

**PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT:** 183 Members

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## PVCI FISHING CONTEST – JUNE 8, 2013 FREE FISHING DAY!!!

Who is the “BEST FISHERMAN” in PVCI? In the fall/winter we are hunting & the families may/may not be involved. Now it is summertime, the off-season. We still want to keep the competitive edge so we are fishing & we want the families to be involved. There are 2 categories, Adult & Youth & there will be prizes for the “Longest Fish & Longest Overall Stringer. The members to beat this year are Richardo & Richardo Jr. Last year they didn’t even know how to fish for trout however with a little coaching & a lot of determination, they Won Both Categories! This year they know how to fish & they ARE Looking To Repeat! The Gauntlet has been thrown down! Members bring your family/friends also. You Do NOT Have To Be A Member To Participate in this Event...and it is on Free Fishing Day so you don’t even have to have a fishing license! ...and unlike the Barbecue EVERYONE here usually has a chance to walk away with something from the **FREE Members & Guests Raffle!!!** This Event is LOTS OF FUN!!! Fire Regulations Permitting, Hope To See You There!



PVCI 2012 Winners!!

UPCOMING EVENT: PVCI ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST – JUNE 8, 2013 FREE FISHING DAY!!!

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

**WHERE:** Ashurst Lake.

**DATE:** Saturday June 8, 2013, FREE FISHING DAY. **TIME:** Daybreak until 5:30p.m. You can check-in anytime during the day however the FINAL check-in will be at 5:30p.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.

**ALL FISH SPECIES IN ASHURST LAKE** will be eligible. The limit on trout is 6 fish. Lake may have pike & catfish.

**CONTESTS OPEN TO All PVCI members plus their families & friends who may be interested.**

There are 2 categories: Adult – ages 14 and older and children – ages 13 and under. **Everyone is competing for the longest fish & the longest stringer. 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will have 1<sup>st</sup> pick at the items on the Raffle Table. As in years past 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.**

After the Raffle Drawing we will have us a Good, Ole FISH FRY/ POTLUCK DINNER at one of our pre-determined campsite locations!!! Please do remember to bring a dish, also an extra frying pan, fish batter, aluminum foil, etc. to help with the fish fry. This is a GOOD TIME so come on out!!!!

PVCI Member Eddie M. has agreed to run this Event and purchase the items for the FREE Members & Guests Raffle!!

### Directions to Ashurst Lake

\*\*\* One way to get to the Lake is to take I-17 North to Exit 339. Turn right onto FH3 or 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.

### MORMON LAKE LODGE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL – NATIONAL GET OUTDOORRS DAY – JUNE 8, 2013

You are invited to celebrate National Get Outdoors Day and participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m. on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Again it is FREE to have an exhibit here plus Mormon Lake Lodge will provide your display volunteers with a FREE lunch.

Last year over 50 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 Larry Snead, Environmental Program Manager, Mormon Lake Lodge, by e-mail [LFSnead@gmail.com](mailto:LFSnead@gmail.com) or by phone (602) 468-0708.

## ARIZONA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) CONVENTION – JULY 26-27, 2013 Friday & Saturday

The Arizona Trappers Assoc. (ATA) Convention will be held July 26-27 2013 at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, AZ. This is the Trappers “Main Money Making Event” of the year & the participation of you the predator callers & all other outdoor-related people is greatly appreciated. Miss Rodeo, AZ. is usually on hand to help w/festivities & fund raising. This Event reminds me of the old mountain man get-togethers. Where at a certain time of the year, the trappers & hunters would come out of the hills from all over to meet, compare notes, have conversation, catch up on old times, etc. & have friendly competitions amongst one another. There are usually some vendor booths that are set up & PPCI will probably have a booth to promote predator calling. These booths are FREE to all vendors!!!

There are always some GREAT Hunting & Trapping Seminars given by people that know what they are talking about. Want to learn some good bobcat, coyote sets? Want to learn about cage traps, etc. ? Well these guys might catch 50 to 100 cats a year! In addition there are card games, surprises, raffles, both a live & silent auction I hope and like in the mountain man days those friendly competitions. Here the competitions are usually free to enter (trap-setting, calling contest-some years, camo contest-some years, pie eating, ladies frying pan toss, men’s musket toss, etc.) however the winners can win money (usually between \$50-\$100)! This is a Good Time!!!

The Trappers Education Course is also given. I have no schedule but it will probably be given on Saturday (get there early). In order to trap in this state, if you are under a certain age you MUST pass a Trappers Education Course. These days with the numerous new changes etc. it’s probably a good idea to take the Course regardless of your age.

There use to be a really good dinner Saturday evening after the festivities on Saturday. The talk last year was to have a Potluck Dinner on Saturday evening. I hope this happens. If you can, bring a potluck dish. Camping is free at the Gila County Fairgrounds although if you have a camper w/hookups, there is probably a fee.

### PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR REPORT by Eddie M.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the town of Payson held its annual Payson Wildlife Fair at Green Valley Park. This Fair is a special affair held to introduce the public to Arizona’s outdoors, recreational opportunities & its wildlife. Each year many outdoor clubs such as the Arizona Deer Society, Arizona Sheep Society, the Arizona Game & Fish Department, the Phoenix Varmint Callers, etc. are invited to participate along with the Rescue people, the Condor people, the hawk people, etc. The AZGFD also introduces interested people to archery, air guns, fishing and boating to name a few. Green Valley Lake is also double-stocked with incentive trout during this Fair & the fishing is free during Fair hours. Smokey the Bear was also present. Many, many families with kids attend this Event.

President Ken E. & Corr. Secretary Eddie M. ran the PPCI booth promoting the sport of varmint calling. Our full-mounted bobcat & coyote always attract a lot of attention. Then we have the photo albums, skulls for identification & various furs to touch. As usual there is always lots of interest in what we do and I would not be surprised to see people from this Fair at our next Monthly Meeting. I believe that if we’d had the call box there we would have sold many calls.

Many thanks to AZGFD Randy Babb for inviting our Club to participate.

### 2013 PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR PICS



Being a hunter has made me appreciate life that much more. I know how fragile life is and what a serious thing it is to take a life – something that everyone on this planet does, but not everyone admits it.

Tracy Raymond Cook Las Vegas, Nevada

## PVCI TOP AWARDS FOR 2012 - 2013 SEASON



Top Caller/Shooter



Top 6-Month Expert

TOP CALLER (EXPERT): Gary A.M. – 220 points  
 TOP CALLER (NOVICE): Robert D. – 20 points  
 TOP SHOOTER: Gary A.M. – 19 kills

### 6 – MONTH HUNT RESULTS (EXPERT)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Terry J. & Bob B. - 150 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Craig B. & Charles D. - 130 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dick & Pam S. - 70 points

### 6 – MONTH HUNT RESULTS (NOVICE)

There were No entries

### MONTHLY SCRAMBLE HUNT WINNERS

(Best of 7 for 7-Month Totals)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bob B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Terry J. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Charles D.  
 PVCI Total Harvest: 50 coyotes, 16 foxes, 5 bobcats and 1 raccoon



Top Novice



Best of Seven

Top 5 PVCI Callers for the 2012-2013 season. These are calling points for the 7- month (Sept. – March) totals.

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Gary A.M. | 14 Coyotes, 1 Fox, 2 Bobcats, 1 Raccoon | (220 Points) |
| 2) Bob B     | 7 Coyotes, 2 Fox                        | (90 Points)  |
| 2) Craig B.  | 3 Coyotes, 3 Fox, 1 Bobcat              | (90 Points)  |
| 4) Dick S.   | 4 Coyotes, 1 Bobcat                     | (70 Points)  |
| 5) Terry J.  | 2 Coyotes, 1 Fox, 1 Bobcat              | (60 Points)  |

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 2012/2013 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 4th year that PVCI has done this. The money that you pay (\$10) to enter the Monthly Hunts are what we use to pay for the knives. For all those members that hunted, Thank You Very Much for participating in the Monthly Club Hunts. Also Thank You John Toner of Continental Knives for making these wonderful knives!

### Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Camp by Ken E. & Tommy M.

Seventy kids registered to hunt, over sixty showed up & eight gobblers are taken (That's over a 13% success rate!). In spite of some miserable winds & temps in the teens in the morning! The National Wildlife Turkey Foundation put on the Marvin Robbins Youth Turkey Camp, actually three separate camps on the same weekend, in late April. Supported by the Arizona Elk Society, AZ Game & Fish Dept. & PVCI at the Colcord Camp. PVCI supplied both mentors & kitchen staff for this hunt & everyone involved was glad to see us there. There also happened to be some club members with kids in the hunt! Think about it next year if you have a kid who would like to hunt turkeys, the tags are over the counter & the AZG&F Dept does everything they can to make it a successful hunt. The youth hunters only have to register for free, show up & are fed & educated from Friday through Sunday with the added bonus of going out to hunt with a mentor! Plus every kid gets a door prize for being there, ranging from a 20 gage shotgun, to hunting equipment, to calls. Some of us mentored hunters or helped with the kitchen work feeding the masses & our President Ken Eaton gave a Predator Hunting Seminar to those in attendance. A great time was had by all. Extra thanks to Steve Clark, AES President & his AES crew members for supplying the equipment, food, ice, drinks & all the hard work of setting up the camp, tents and kitchen plus cooking great food for everyone. It was an outstanding effort by all those that helped.



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](http://www.theoutdoorexperience.org)

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## WHAT WERE YOU DRAWN FOR?

Gary A.M. – Unit 5B Rifle Elk  
Craig B. – Unit 10 Rifle Cow Elk  
Scott B. – Unit 10 Rifle Cow Elk

Mike H. - Bonus Point  
Chuck & Lauren B. – Unit 10 Rifle Cow Elk  
James & Ruth S. – Unit 11M Archery Cow Elk

Eddie M. - Bonus Point

James H. - Bonus Point

## LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS: HUNT, TRAP, FISH, SHOOT, WILDLIFE RECREATION

The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. is dedicated to introducing children to hunting by offering a wide variety of juniors only hunting & shooting programs. These programs are designed to get children in the field with a parent or guardian who can focus on the kid(s) and provide the guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, ethical & responsible stewards. To provide plenty of opportunity, Game & Fish has partnered w/various Sportsman's clubs, groups & organizations to provide mentoring for beginners to help assure a positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on page 24 of the 2013/2014 AZ. Hunt Regs. You will note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills) for more information.

\*June 15 – NWTF Huachuca Gould's J.A.K.E.S. Day – Youth ages 8-17 learn the beginning skills of target shooting, how to call & hunt wild turkeys & wildlife conservation. Lunch & Free J.A.K.E.S. membership included. Location: Fort Huachuca Sportsmen's Center. Hosted by Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the NWTF. Register: Wayne Kaiser, (525) 678-9827.

[Imkwak@cox.net](mailto:Imkwak@cox.net) or [www.nwtfhuagoulds.org](http://www.nwtfhuagoulds.org)

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\*June 17-8 – Junior Archery Day Camp – 2-day co-ed archery camp for kids ages 8-18. Intro to recreational/competitive archery in indoor environment from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Equipment provided & 2 classes available. \$50 fee. Location: Tempe CAASES/Shoot Right Ed & Training Ctr. Host: Shoot Right. Register: Rob Porter, (602) 288-5324 [info@shootrightaz.org](mailto:info@shootrightaz.org)

\*June 26-29 – Air Rifle Camp – 4 day Co-ed shooting camp for those w/some shooting experience ages 7-18. Training on marksmanship on air rifles in an indoor environment. Equipment is provided. Location: Tempe CAASES/Shoot Right Education & Training Ctr. Hosted by Shoot Right. Register: Rob Porter, (602) 288-5324 [info@shootrightaz.org](mailto:info@shootrightaz.org) , \$125 fee.

\*July 13-14 – Arizona Elk Society (AES) Wildlife Habitat Work Project – Buck Springs. Unit 5A SE of Clint's Well. Join us here to work on restoring the riparian draws & meadows for the elk & other wildlife. RSVP by signing up for the Event on the website [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) AES provides food & refreshments from Friday night until Sunday lunch. All meals are provided. We work all day Saturday and until noon on Sunday.

July 19-21 – Bowhunter Happening – This is the BIG ONE! Eight fun courses plus novelties, unlimited shooting, door prizes & raffles. Lots of vendors will be on the site/ Fun for all ages. Location: Mormon Lake. Host: Arizona Bowhunters Association (ABA). Register: [www.arizonabowhunters.org](http://www.arizonabowhunters.org)

Sept. 6-8 – Becoming An Outdoors Woman: For women (18+) Learn about hunting, gun safety, fishing, camping, Dutch-oven cooking, map & compass reading & more. Location: Prescott Friendly Pines Camp. Host: Arizona Wildlife Federation Register: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org) \$250 fee.

## ARIZONA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT PHOTO CONTEST CASH PRIZES FOR TOP WILDLIFE PHOTOS

The AZGFD invites people to share their vision of the state's wildlife by taking part in their Annual Photo Contest. The best & 12 first-place winners will be published in the 2014 calendar issue of Arizona Wildlife Views Magazine. The Contest accepts entries through Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00p.m. MST. Cash prizes will be awarded. People can enter via email a file-sharing website. Contest Rules are posted: [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest) .

The judging process is "blind," meaning entries are assigned a number & evaluated anonymously. Personal information is not attached to images or revealed during judging. Photos are evaluated solely on creativity, photographic quality, effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject and whether or not sub images meet basic size and formatting requirements. Again the deadline for entering the 2014 AZ. Wildlife Calendar Photo Contest is Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00p.m. MST.

### ARIZONA GAME & FISH SEEKS INPUT ON GAME MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Based on public input received this year, the AZGFD has developed a first draft revision of the hunt-application guidelines & wants to hear your ideas on how this draft might be improved. Draft hunt guidelines will be available on May 24, 2-13 on the Department's website [www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines) . Comments on the draft hunt guidelines may be submitted electronically to [azgamebranch@azgfd.gov](mailto:azgamebranch@azgfd.gov) or by mail to Hunt Guidelines, Arizona Game & Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ. 85086. We are seeking your ideas, concerns and observations on how to meet the many demands of our varied hunting public as well as ways to foster new opportunities that help pass along our hunting heritage to future generations. The department receives comments running from one end of the spectrum to the other. This is your opportunity to get involved. The draft hunt guidelines, public meeting input & all public comments will be shared with the AZ Game & Fish Commission at the June 14-15, 2013 Commission Meeting.

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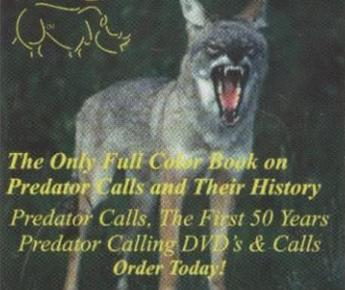
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