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## Presidents Message

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with lots of family, so much food that you overate until you were in pain & time to relax & enjoy it! Not to talk of Black Friday for those with unfulfilled hunting equipment needs. The hunt season continues & it is still tough to call in and harvest predators, which I think is due to the popularity of varmint calling & possibly the use of electronic callers by unskilled hunters, none of which belong to PVCI, cough, cough. We will continue to put out extreme effort with so far, small gain & see if it improves. Now it's time for the Christmas Party! Doors open at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> with the Meeting starting at 7 p.m. w/the pot luck dinner. Then we get to enjoy the program until they kick us out by 10 p.m. Thank you, everyone! We could not enjoy this without you! The club members and their families make this possible, both with hard work and the donations you give and generate. Donations were down this year due to the economy but we will make due and continue the good work of our club. Don't forget the entry fee of one can of food per person donation! Fellow Americans need our help and the current administration does not hold much promise of quick relief. Next up is the State Calling Championship at Cabelas, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. See the website for Contest Rules and thank you Rich H. for running the Contest. **We also need volunteers to man the Club Booth that day. Don't forget the perks that accompany this, a free lunch & vendor discount for the day** (great timing for Christmas)! Also, thank you Cabelas, and do not forget that they are having their Predator weekend on January 5-6, 2013. The same perks apply for manning our Booth that weekend also!

**Don't forget the Multi-Club Hunt, Jan. 26th; let's try to win it this year! Check-in location not known yet?**

I would like to wish everyone a politically incorrect Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Ken Eaton.

**P.S. Don't forget your new 2013 hunting license and lion tag! Also Bobcat Hunt/Calling Seminar on Jan 8**

**P.S. The January Meeting will be held on January 8, 2013 (The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) as the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday is Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Things To Be Aware Of

**\*\* Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of 2013 is on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, the January Meeting has been moved to the 2nd Tuesday on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Club Hunt will be Jan. 12-13, 2013.**

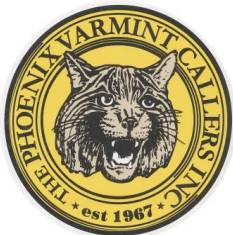
**\*\* The Multi-Club Hunt is on Jan. 26, 2013. Check -In location, rules, etc. inside page 7.**

\* There are 26 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.**

\* Corresponding Secretary Eddie M. believes that the Lifetime Membership price is way too low & has began the process of having this price increased. We did discuss at the July Club Meeting & need to discuss again at the Jan. Meeting. Need your input. For more details, show at Meeting

\* **How would you like to receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on the computer instead of 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](mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com)**



Member James S.  
with his 1<sup>st</sup> coyote!

New Members Initiation!

Member Larry S.  
w/gray fox

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## THE TRADITION CONTINUES: CABELA'S & PVC I HOST THE 2012 ARIZONA STATE VARMINT CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – DEC. 15, 2012

WHEN: Saturday December 15, 2012

WHERE: CABELA'S 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale, AZ 85305 Outside in front of the store. (623) 872-6700

START TIME: 11:00a.m.

ENTRY FEE: (Not Known)

1. Calling Contest open to Arizona residents only.
2. Points will be total of all the 3 categories on judges score sheet.
3. Judges will give points based on how they feel a predator would respond to contestants' hand calling techniques.
4. Points will run from 1 to 100 for each category of: volume, realism and coaxing.

Volume: Based on if predator would be able to hear the calling at a distance if out in the field.

Realism: Based on how well the caller imitates a distress cry of a rabbit in distress in the first round.

Coaxing: Based on how predator can be brought closer to the caller (volume lower).

5. Round 1 will be scored on volume and realism in 35 seconds of calling with a second part of coaxing for 20 seconds.
6. Time keeper will cut off caller and start coaxing within 15 seconds at end of first part.
7. Round 2 will be freestyle calling using any call or any wildlife distress call or any combination of calls. Scoring based on volume and realism.
8. Total amount of points will be added and posted on score sheet for round 1 and after round 2 (freestyle), both scores will be added to determine the winner.
9. In case of a tie within the first 3 places, a call off will determine the winner of that position.
10. Call off will be freestyle for 25 seconds based on rules in round 2.
11. Judges will not talk to or see any of the contestants during any part of the contest.
12. Top novice will be selected only between the novice contestants and not entered in the expert division. Men and women will compete as equals in novice and expert divisions.

There will be at least 2 different classes: **Novice**-those who have not called in the AZ State Calling Contest before (with some exceptions), and **Expert**-Those who have participated in the AZ State Calling Contest (plus a kid's class if there are enough participants).

### CALLING CONTEST TIPS:

1. Have more than 1 call available & practice with them before the contest to ensure they don't freeze up.
2. Practice different routines beforehand and if possible, record yourself and then listen to the playback. Do it from a distance also. Do the same with your coaxer.
3. If a coaxer is called for, use a coaxing type sound.
4. Bring a coyote howler and know how to howl. This may not be required but just in case they ask for it, you will be prepared.

Basically you will be judged on your ability to use a predator call & possibly a coaxer. You will be calling to a certain number of human judges who'll grade your performance. This Contest is fun-filled and a **challenge as you will have to use your head to determine what sounds you will use that will please the judges.** THIS WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT OPPURTUNITY TO EXPOSE PREDATOR CALLING/HUNTING TO THE MASSES & Hopefully Turn On More People To The Sport. **New Blood in the form of Participants are needed in all sports to keep the sport alive.** Participants (hopefully many) will be needed here too. **KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE – PARTICIPATE!** Back in the 60's & 70's there would sometimes be 50 or more callers waiting to compete!

### CABELA'S PREDATOR EXTRAVAGNZA WEEKEND – January 5-6, 2013

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PREDATORS & PREDATOR CALLING?** Well then Cabela's is the place to be on January 5-6 as they will be having there **PREDATOR EXTRAVAGNZA WEEKEND.** As far as we know, there will be special predator-related deals inside the store plus 4 Predator-Related Seminars on Saturday & Sunday.

#### SATURDAY: CABELA'S PREDATOR SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

11:00AM Predator Calling 101, 12:00PM Mastering the Call, 2:00PM How To Decoy Them To The Sweet Spot, 3:00PM Everything You Need For A Successful Predator Hunt. Questions Call Cabelas (623) 872-6700

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When calling for predators there are certain conditions that are usually better for calling than others. Some of these conditions, such as the period of time just before or after several days of heavy rain or during an extended cold spell are known to be good. One condition that is often overlooked and which can also be Great is the period of time just after several days of heavy blowing winds.

**I can't remember exactly why I left to go hunting that night? Perhaps the morrow was the day off or the wind didn't seem as strong in town. That wind had been blowing extremely hard for the last 2 days now. Upon arriving at the location I immediately questioned my sanity. The wind was blowing so hard it was pushing me around! I dug a hip-hole, pointed my feet to the wind (my bag doesn't zip up) and slept in my sleeping bag on the ground anyway. Getting dressed in the morning I didn't expect it to be a very good day. The cold wind was still howling hard! All I knew was that since I was here, I might as well make the best of it.**

The first stand was made sitting on the ground at the base of a tree with a small wash on my left and open desert on my right. All calling was going to be done with an open reed Tally-Ho. With the open reed there was no worry of warming the call before starting as you would a closed reed call. Also the Tally-Ho would pierce the wind better. Just before my first series, a wonderful thing happen, the wind QUIT!!!

I proceeded to belt out some jackrabbit blues and wasn't too surprised when a coyote showed up at rifle range looking around. Both a rifle and a shotgun had been brought along with the shotgun resting in my lap. Easing the .222 rifle to my shoulder, a bullet was sent towards the critter that left untouched. Putting the shotgun back in my lap and getting back on the call, approx. 5 minutes later I notice movement to my extreme left in the draw. I turn just in time to see a coyote that had rushed in to 2 steps, leaving quickly running behind me now! Two shotgun blasts were sent after it, the last one being an either I did or didn't shot? Let's reload, change calls and get Back On The Call!!!

Moving my lips higher up on the reed, I began the cottontail blues. Soon another coyote shows up 60 yards directly in front of me & proceeds to close the distance. I keep whimpering on the Tally-Ho as it approaches. Finally at 11 steps, I quit whimpering & drop the coyote in its tracks with my shotgun, Shorty! That's the end of this stand. Checking the other shots, I find that this was my only hit. Back to the truck, take some self-timer pictures, check the wind & on to the next stand.

This stand requires a lot of walking, which I do to get away from the highway. Arriving I sit on the ground in the shade of a green bush with a great open view in front of me. After letting two loud squall surprises loose on the Tally-Ho, I quietly count to 180. On about #70 the crows came in, two of them, one behind the other. I sat in silence watching as sometimes these birds come in ahead of a coyote. Sure enough, one minute later a coyote shows, running right towards me then angling slightly. At 12 steps my 2<sup>nd</sup> coyote is harvested.

Get Back On The Call! Yep, there shows another coyote coming from the opposite direction. This animal only comes so close and stops about 30 yards from the one that was just harvested. Raising the shotgun, I shoot and hit. The coyote staggers then turns and leaves. Now I am up chasing the critter, which manages to stay just ahead of me. Finally it stops and looks back to see whether I'm still coming, I am. It turns and falls over, coyote #3, a double! Well it's time for more pictures. It is a good long walk back to the truck with these two coyotes.

Check the wind direction and on to the next location. Hmmm, wonder if I can get off the road here? Bet this doesn't get called much here in the middle of nowhere. Check the wind direction, now let's cross the fence and head for the middle. I am noticing coyote tracks in the mud here and there. Find a spot with an open front view. Do one surprise series on the Tally-Ho and wait. Look, look, THERE'S ONE! The coyote comes in on a dead run! He's hungry and shows it! On it comes, closer and closer, just slightly to the right of my position. I do not move until he's almost on top of me! The shotgun comes up; the coyote leaps in the air to clear a depression that is directly to my right! I head shoot the dog in mid air, GOT-EM! Six steps! OK, back to the truck for more self-timer pictures. I've got some skinning to do. What a great day!



Eddie w/first called/shot coyote



Shorty and the double!



End of the day, four in the truck!

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

**\*\*Bobcat Calling/Hunting Seminar at PPCI January 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting See Craig, Mory, Gary A. & Bob talk cats!**

P.S.S. Other predator related websites are: [www.predatorprofessionals.com](http://www.predatorprofessionals.com) , [www.pvci.org](http://www.pvci.org)

& also check PPCI out on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/PVCI.org>

Well it looks like it's been a good "big-game" year for some of our members & since they gave me their stories I'm able to share with you their success. If ANY of you also have success stories on predators, big game, small game, ducks, etc. I could use your story. It is your Newsletter members. Send stories to [pvcigroup@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com) Thanks for the stories ladies.

### TRICIA'S 2012 BUCK by Tricia Y.

Hi, I'm Tricia Y. and back in August 2012 I won a .243 rifle here at one of the Meetings. I got it dialed in and had shot it a few times prior to my deer hunt. My husband Mike, my daughter Samantha, age 19 and my daughter Shea, age 12 also had rifle deer tags. On our way up to our unit (Unit 8) we had a discussion of our shooting orders. My daughter Shea was going to have 1<sup>st</sup> shot because she hadn't shot a deer before. Well we looked on the GPS to find out that according to the Game/Fish best times (The Solunar Tables) it said it was a poor day but good times would start at 8:30am-9:30am.



Well we arrived at our hunting area at 8:15am. Mike had spotted a buck getting ready to cross the road. We got over to where he was and there stood 4 nice big bucks and we had 4 tags to fill! We all jumped out and started chasing these deer! Next thing I know, I've got one in my scope! I was wanting to wait for my 12 year old daughter, Shea but the closer she got to me, the deer started to run, therefore I knew I needed to take the shot, I couldn't wait and I dropped him with one shot! The shot was 35 yards and we were 5 minutes into our hunt. I was so excited, jumping up and down! Sadly we didn't see or fill the other 3 tags but the memories are priceless. I'm really glad that my husband and girls were there. I dedicated my deer to my grandpa since it was his birthday and I know he would have been proud of me.

### PVCI HUNTRESS ON THE LOOSE (Taken from the e-mails of PVCI Member Jessica S. to Eddie M.)

I got my elk yesterday, 6B Camp Navajo Hunt. Slim pickings out there this year as this is the late hunt and most of the animals have been spooked into the restricted areas of the base. Will and I hunted 4 days without seeing anything and reading only 2-3 week old sign. We finally figured out that small groups were jumping out of the restricted areas at night to feed, then early morning going back over. After day 4, Will had to go back to work so I was on my own. I sat one of the trails early morning and caught a group of 10 (2 spikes and 8 cows). 50 yard shot with a Remington 700 in .270.



Will and I finished our 6B deer hunt yesterday and we were both fortunate to tag out. It was slim pickings this year. Things really moved around from the weather too. Didn't see much of anything the first 2 days and then started picking up sign further south in the unit.

I spotted this 2x2 on 11/11 and took it at 100 yards using a Winchester M70 .243WSM.

Will spotted a 3x3 on 11/12 at 80 yards using a Winchester M70 .243WSM. Will did a fawn bleat off a finger point. A doe and this buck were bedded down over the edge and backdoored us. He did a great shot through the brush and trees as it started to take off.



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Raymond B. SWFH Rendezvous in full swing Steve C. w/Hall of Ron Day receives Special Plaque. John O'D wild game  
Does Trapping Set Fame Rohla's plaque Don & Joan Rohla w/Hall of Fame Chef cooks & feeds

### PVCI FUR PROGRAM – UTILIZE THE RESOURCE

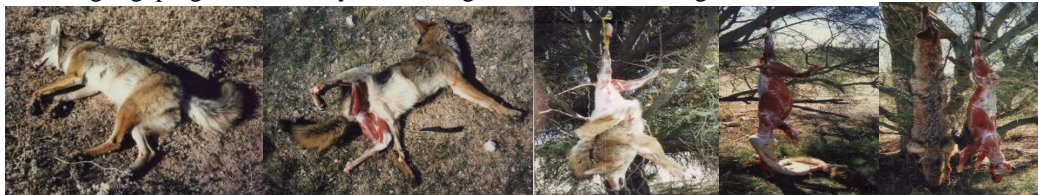
Part of being a complete predator caller is knowing how to skin a pelt and how to prepare that pelt for sale or your own use. PVCI has a program that encourages you to skin and save pelts. Participation in this plan is easy. Simply skin and save all of the pelts that you take from late October through the winter. Freeze these pelts in a 1 or 2 gallon freezer bag (fur side out). If you for some reason you are forbidden to do this, then you can do one of 3 things: #1) Bring your frozen pelts inside the Ziploc freezer-type bags to a Monthly Club Meeting and give to one of the drop-off people. #2) Have your skinned pelts ready at check-in on the Sunday nights (please have them skinned before you get to the parking lot) of the club Hunts and give to a drop-off person. #3) You can also call one of the drop-off people and make arrangements to take your pelts to a certain drop-off point. Our drop-off people so far are **(currently we have none, you will have to keep yourself for now)**. To volunteer to be a drop-off person please let Hunt Chairman Bob B. know at a Meeting or call (602) 769-5019. To be a volunteer, all that you need is some extra freezer space to be able to store other member's fur pelts in. Please be courteous when calling a drop-off person. Please, no very late or very early phone calls. Also, please plan on taking your pelts to them.

On a certain designated day in the future (probably in Jan., Feb. or March) we (MAY) have what is called Fur Prep Day. Fur Prep Day is a day that is picked where we go through the process of getting the collected frozen pelts that we have accumulated, ready to either sale or tan. What happens is that someone with a good backyard, volunteers his or her house as the Meeting Place. Then on the designated day members show up at this house with the donated pelts that we have been saving. We usually take the pelts out to thaw the night before. Then we go through the process, washing, fleshing, sewing up the holes and stretching the pelts. Make no mistake this is work. The more members that show to help the faster the work gets done. This is an excellent time to learn how to prepare a pelt as we have hands-on instruction going through the necessary steps all day. These fur pelts when done are a valuable resource & PVCI encourages you to utilize this resource and save and learn how to put up your own fur.

The PVCI Board of Directors will make a determination on whether to sell the furs at the ATA Fur Auction or to get them tanned by a Tannery. Lately we have been holding on to the pelts because of budget woes (we can't afford to get them tanned). Money from the pelts donated to the Club go into the Club's General Fund to help pay for the Club's operating expenses such as rent, insurance, trophies, etc. You are of course also welcome to keep your pelts and do what you want with them. Interested in learning or helping? Keep an eye out in Newsletter when/if this Fur Prep Day might happen.

### HOW TO CASE SKIN A COYOTE by Eddie M.

The #1 complaint we have on Fur Prep Day is that we can't use some of the furs because they are skinned wrong. The biggest mistake is skinning them open like a bear instead of case-skinning. The next biggest mistake is cutting the front legs completely off leaving 2 gaping holes. How you should go about case-skinning is shown below:



- 1) Once the critter is down, spray the inside of a plastic bag with a powerful insecticide; insert the critter, close bag 5-10 minutes. (Flea powder also works)
  - 2) Using rubber gloves make an incision around the hairline or "ankles" on each leg. Next cut up the back of the hind legs to the vent. Follow the color line when making the cut. Then skin out hind legs.
  - 3) Hang the critter, preferably by one hind leg (makes it easier to turn). Use a tail stripper and strip the tail. Then slit the underside of the tail the full length.
  - 4) Once the back legs & tail are free, separate the pelt from the carcass by pulling pelt down in one steady motion towards the head.
  - 5) Some resistance will occur around the front legs. Use a blunt instrument between the front part of the shoulder & the skin. Push through
  - 6) –skin then pull down. Continue pulling hide down to the head. Skin out the head. Finish by cutting through nose cartilage freeing pelt.
- Tools required: knife, tail stripper, knife sharpener, rope, rubber gloves, plastic bags, flea & tick powder or spray.

## 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.** Firearms can be picked up at The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121. Ask for ??????/?

**The Gun for the December Christmas Party is an AR 15. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each or 5 for \$20, No limit!**

**The Gun for January will be good but is unknown at this time.**

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\*\* Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of 2013 is on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, the January Meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday on Jan. 8th \*\*\***

**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**

Nov. 23 – Fall Dove Season opens statewide. Check your Hunt Regs. Make sure you have a Migratory Bird Stamp!

**Dec. 2 – County Line Predator Challenge Hunt.** A predator hunt for 2-3 man teams to control predator pop. in Mohave County. Early Registration Fees: 2 man team-\$50, 3 man team \$75. Call Tom (928) 715-0333.

**Dec. 4 – PVCI Christmas Party/Potluck/Auction!** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 6:00p.m. Bring the family, bring friends, entry fee, a potluck dish, lots of cash, and of course your Christmas Spirit!

Dec. 7 – Mearns Quail season opens.

Dec. 7-8 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix.

**Dec. 8-9 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!!**

**Dec. 15 – AZ State Varmint Calling Contest at Cabelas!!! Come early the start time is 11:00 am.**

**Dec. 19 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.** PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2).

Dec. 31 – All bear, crow, bighorn sheep & rifle deer seasons end. Squirrel season ends except in units 31 & 33.

**Jan. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! You must have a 2013-hunting license to hunt. Do you have a 2013 mt. lion tag?**

Jan. 1 – Archery javelina, deer season opens in some hunt units. Buffalo season opens 12A, B, 13A. (Check Hunt Regs.)

Jan. 6 – Late dove season ends

**Jan. 8 - This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.** (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. Board Nominations!

**Jan. 8 - Bobcat Calling/Hunting Seminar at PVCI January 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting** See Craig, Mory, Bob, Gary A. talk bobcats!

Jan. 13 – Mountain Zone duck & goose season ends. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

Jan. 18-19 – Annual Northern Missouri Coyote Calling & Shooting Contest. <http://www.wildlifecallers.com/2013-nmcc>

Jan. 12-13 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix.

**Jan. 24 – ARCHERY JAVELINA SEASON ENDS!**

Jan. 25 – JR. JAVELINA season opens in select Hunt Units! Check your Hunt Regs.

**Jan. 26 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT!!! If you hunt no other day, hunt this day. Invitation, details inside.**

Jan. 27 – Desert Zone duck & goose season ends. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

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

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

Feb. 8-22 – Various javelina H.A.M. & rifle 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 – All quail seasons end statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

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

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

Feb. 28 – Trapping season ends.

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: To stay a member you MUST RENEW each year!** 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 2012 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:** Jim B., Shawn D., JR O., Brandon G. **WELCOME!!!**

**PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT:** 189 Members

**UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION ON DECEMBER 4, 2012**  
(PLEASE BRING YOUR WALLET!!!) by Eddie M.

The PPCI Christmas Party will be here before you know it! **Tuesday, December 4, 2012** will be the date, the location is (12851 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lodge #2) our regular Monthly Meeting place, the Christmas Party taking the place of the regular Meeting. We're opening the doors at 6:00p.m. You & yours are all (family, friends & kids) cordially invited to attend this Event, you do NOT have to be a member. **The entry fee to get into the Christmas party is at least 1 can of food (water works also) per person** that will be donated to one of the local Food Banks by members Gary A.M. & Ginger in what has been called the "Dave Kardos Food Drive" in honor of one of our late members, Dave that used to always run the Food Drive. **We take this Food Drive very seriously. The last few years PPCI has donated several hundred pounds of both food and water/drinks separately each year!**

**Dinner will be a potluck affair & we ask that you the members please bring a dish or dessert to share.**

**The PPCI Christmas Party is a major fundraiser for PPCI and Event Organizer, Ruth S. says to BRING YOUR WALLETS as we are going to have some stuff.** She has asked hundreds of different sporting & outdoor organizations for donations for this night. Admittedly the donations have been slower coming this year than in the past. Not to worry, the call always goes out to YOU the members anyway for donations however **ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR, WE ASK FOR YOU THE MEMBERS TO DONATE ITEMS ALSO** (including goods, services, hunts, baked goods, etc.). There will still be a good assortment of items, especially with YOUR help. **There will also be a live auction & silent auction & various fun raffles to unload these items.** Generally this is also the night that our "Member of the Year & President's Award recipients are named while their family & friends are present.

So do bring your family, friends, a potluck dish or dessert, your appetite, your donated items, at least 1 can of food per person for the "Dave Kardos" Food Drive plus YOUR WALLETS!!! Also don't forget a healthy dose of Christmas Spirit! This should be a good night of seeing new & familiar faces & celebrating Christmas! Hope to see you!

**P.S. Let's not forget that the Gun of the Month is an AR-15! Raffle Tickets are \$5 each with No Purchase Limit!!!**

**ARIZONA MULTI-CLUB PREDATOR HUNT – JANUARY 26, 2013**

**\*\*\*Jan. 26, 2013 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT** – This Hunt pits our Club against the other predator-calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the "BEST" calling club in the state? The Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC) has won the rights the last few years. The Arizona Predator Callers (APC) is usually good competition also. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out and hunt. I bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! The Tucson Club used to dominate this Hunt in the distant past. They hardly even have representation anymore. PPCI members, we could use some more participation. Even with the numbers of us that do show we come so close sometimes! **PPCI members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one!!!** It is only a 1-day hunt. PPCI members are allowed to use electronics on this one day. **Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin and the matching carcass.** Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-10, fox-5. This is a one-day hunt. Only critters harvested on Jan. 26th, 2013 are eligible. The Deadline is 9:00p.m. according to the Hunt Chairman's watch. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. will be disqualified. There will be food & possibly drink served and possibly a Skinning Contest IF there are some willing participants. PPCI members again **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!! We can win the trophy back! THANKS In Advance!**

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**My favorite method of hunting coyotes** begins by leaving town the night before and arriving in the hunting area sometime during the night. Once on location, there are no fires, no headlamp lights bouncing all over the place and no big lights shining down on the bed of the pickup. Instead I find the shotgun & ammo that I'll be using in the morning, then the camo shirt & pants that I'll be putting on. I make sure that my facemask & a glove are in one of the big side pockets on one pant leg & that a bandanna or two (preferably red-colored if not turkey season) are in the big side pocket on the other pant leg. I will then find a spot to sleep away from the truck. If alone, I'll be somewhere where I can keep an eye on the truck. Depending upon the area and its inhabitants (both 4-legged & 2 legged) I'll occasionally sleep with the shotgun by my side. My goal is to make a small impact by getting everything ready now so that all I have to do in the morning is to wake up, get dressed & quietly head out to make a stand.

**My favorite time to wake up** is early in the predawn while it is still dark outside. It seems that I usually beat the alarm clock beeper. I can usually tell the dawn is coming because I can begin to see features in the landscape around me. I can make out the mesquite trees and creosote plus the sky is usually lighting up in the East. It usually doesn't take me long to dress. Since most of our hunting is done in the cooler months and I sleep on the ground, it pays to know how to sleep and be comfortable during this time of year.

**My favorite time of the year to hunt** is when all you have to do to check the wind, is blow your breath! After dressing & loading up, I check the wind and usually head out walking with the breeze in my face. This could change some depending upon lots of factors, recent coyote vocalizations receiving the top priority. Being a coyote hunter, I try to keep good habits and thus do some things in my everyday life that some think strange. For example 99% of the time I close vehicle doors quietly, whether they are on my truck or someone else's and whether I'm out hunting or in town. I also try to walk quietly (99% of the time) everywhere I go. These things are just habit with me and I usually don't even think about it. While walking to a stand, arriving at my calling location quietly is on my mind. When walking, I'm not just walking but trying to walk quietly. The ideal accessory for me would be to have owl wings and just glide to my stand location but since humans can't fly yet....

**My favorite weapon is the 12-gauge shotgun** loaded with **my favorite load, 3 inch, #4 copper-plated buckshot**. A load of 3-1-2" loads would probably perform better however I currently don't buy 3-1-2" shells. Since I usually use the shotgun, most of my stands are in what is called the "thick stuff." The areas aren't always thick, they can be somewhat more open. You won't find me hunting the wide open grassland antelope flats much unless they have a sprinkling of junipers here and there. My favorite habitat to hunt has two things, sand or some form of rockless dirt and mesquites. This could be either the deserts of Wickenburg or the yellow-grass habitat you find down south of Tucson or around Wilcox. The rockless dirt makes for some quiet approaches for your stand selections. No crunch, crunch, crunch of the little white rocks like you find in the palo verde, ironwood deserts. As far as mesquites go, it's a good food source for coyotes. I believe I've seen just as much if not more mesquite scat lying around as I have meat scat.

**My favorite setup** would be calling with the wind in my face, backed up into a bush, in the shade with no obstructions directly in front of me. I want to be able to see. The way I'm set up if a coyote appears anywhere in the zone that I'm watching, it will be in range and can be harvested. **Since we are talking favorites**, it would also be nice if the downwind side had some sort of unapproachable obstruction like a wall of rock, body of water, cliff, etc.

The amount of time varies. I usually call 12 to 15 minutes for coyotes. Rarely will it be longer unless the area looks really good & has loads of sign. **My favorite call & the sound I choose** to use vary & depend upon circumstances. Is it quiet & first thing in the morning or later & breezier? Is the cover really, really, thick or lots more open? Is there a possibility of something besides coyotes? Is it a hard called area or the middle of nowhere? I still only use hand calls (nothing really against the electronic versions). Some sounds used include jackrabbits, cottontails, mice, birds, fawn plus some limited howling. The howling if used is most often used at the beginning or end of the stand.

Most shots are inside of 25 yards. Rarely are shots taken past 50 yards. I enjoy skinning my harvest & the shotgun is kind to the skinner. I call rifles hole makers because of the big nasty hole that is often left behind. Shotguns are quick & in my opinion easier for a novice to harvest a coyote with. **My favorite area to shoot a coyote & all predators** (except bears and lions) with the shotgun is in the head to avoid sometimes-tough tracking jobs. Rifles often do leave a better blood trail than a shotgun. Crafty critters that will earn your respect, coyotes are good teachers. Learning to call them in will likely enrich your future calling experiences. Experiences you will hopefully remember & enjoy.





### My first Successful Called Coyote by James S

I've been in the club for over 5 years and Ray E. asked me how close I was to my 5 pin. My answer was 5 short. His reply, let's go out and see if we can change that. Ray and Chris A. picked me up Friday after they got off work and we headed to Tim-buck-too, another term for really far away. On the way out they would give me 5 minute lessons on how the call should sound and I would proceed to show them what a call should not sound like. This went on forever during the trip to Tim-buck-too. We reached our destination late that evening and proceeded to set up camp in the dark, listening to the coyotes calling in the distant and discussing the plans for the morning. Next morning pre dawn we geared up and headed out. It was the 6<sup>th</sup> stand of the day, a shot gun stand, my 2<sup>nd</sup> time being the caller. I was about 5 minutes into the call trying my best to sound something like Chris or Ray taught me the night before. With Gun in my lap (wrong), head facing the ground (wrong), it was time to take a breath. I looked up and to my surprise there was a coyote standing 10 feet in front of me looking at me like, "that's not a rabbit". At that point I got really stupid and could not decide if I should keep calling or shoot. When I finally decided to reach for my gun it was off to the races, coyote gone before I had a chance to shoot. Chris had seen it come in and was waiting for me to shoot and as soon as it turned Chris got on it, my first successful called coyote. By the end of the weekend I was only 1 shy of the coveted 5 pin. Too bad, I heard that may take another year if I don't coax Ray and Chris into taking me out again LOL. Thanks to Ray E. and Chris A. for helping me with my first successful Called Coyote.



### UPCOMING ARIZONA GAME & FISH YOUTH/LADIES HUNTING CAMPS

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 positive experiences hunting in the great outdoors. Below are some of these events. You will note that there are also some events for the ladies. **If you would like to help or participate please feel free to attend any of these events. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Just make sure that you register!**

- Dec. 8-9 – Picket Post Small Game Hunting Camp:** Learn to hunt dove, quail, & rabbits, outdoor skills. Campout & food provided. Location: Superior area, Unit 37B. Hosted by Youth Outdoors Unlimited & AZ. Game & Fish. Register:Kriselle Colvin, [kcolvin@azgfd.gov](mailto:kcolvin@azgfd.gov)
- Dec. 14-16 – Cibola's Junior Waterfowl Hunt:** Learn duck hunting, calling, decoying from experts. Activities, food provided. Location: Yuma, Cibola Nat. Wildlife Refuge. Register: Game & Fish-Yuma Courtney Shanley (928) 342-0091.
- Jan. 19, 2013 – Wickenburg Youth Target Shooting Event:** Bring your kids to learn how to safely shoot archery, air rifles, .22 rifles & shotguns. Location: Wickenburg Shooting Range. Information: Craig Heath, [cheath@azgfd.gov](mailto:cheath@azgfd.gov) or (928) 856-0764
- Jan. 25-27 – Various Javelina Camps:** Florence area, Unit 37B, Register Game & Fish-Tucson, John McGehee (520) 628-5376, Hillside, Unit 20C. Contact [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com) Prescott area, Unit 17B, 18B, 20A & 20C. Information: [www.huntingfair.com](http://www.huntingfair.com)
- Feb. 16 – SE AZ Youth Quail Hunt:** Sonoita, Las Cienegas Nat. Conservation, Register:DSave Higgins (520) 378-4114.
- Feb. 15-17 – Women's Javelina HAM Hunt Camp:** This event is just for women, learn outdoor skills, hunt, camp, have fun. Food provided. Location: Tucson area, Units 36A, B & C. Register: [www.coueswhitetail.com/womens\\_javelina\\_hunt\\_2013.htm](http://www.coueswhitetail.com/womens_javelina_hunt_2013.htm)
- Feb. 16-18 – Youth Trappers Camp:** Certified trapper class followed by hands-on practice. Food & equipment provided. Location:Mayer, Chauncey Ranch. Hosted by SWFH. Register: [www.southwestfurharvesters.com](http://www.southwestfurharvesters.com) Bob Rhoton (28) 532-5776

### Announcements



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**\*\*\*Bobcat Calling/Hunting Seminar**  
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## HUNT SCHEDULE

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

**Oct. 6-7, 2012 PVC I 6-Month Hunt began.**

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

**Dec. 1-2, 2012 County Line Predator Challenge.** 2 man team -\$50, 3 man team-\$75. More info. Call Tom (928) 715-0333

**Dec. 8-9, 2012 PVC I Club (Fur) Hunt**

**Jan. 8 – Bobcat Calling Seminar at PVC I Jan. Meeting**

**Mar. 5, 2013 - PVC I Club (Novice II) Hunt**

**Jan. 12-13, 2013 PVC I Club Hunt**

**Mar. (???) , 2013 – Save-A-Fawn Hunt**

**Jan. 26, 2013 Multi-Club Hunt (see below)**

**Apr. 2, 2013 – End of PVC I 6-Month Hunt**

**Feb. 9-10, 2013 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader Optional extra points Hunt.**

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### PVC I MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

#### OCTOBER MONTHLY HUNT:

The weather did not cooperate in October. Temperatures were still in the high 90’s in the desert. Still seven teams did manage to brave the heat while others headed up north to the cool pines to beat the heat for the weekend competition. It was a tough weekend for many as the Total Harvest was just 5 coyotes & 1 fox. Here are the results:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Ray E., Chris A. & James S.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Bob B. & Terry J.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Charles D. & James B..

**Total Harvest:** 4 coyotes

**Total Harvest:** 1Coyote

**Total Harvest:** 1 Fox



#### NOVEMBER MONTHLY HUNT:

This 2012/2013-year has proven to be a tough one for PVC I members. Things got no better in November. This is the month when a lot of members are busy with their own deer and/or elk hunts and/or junior hunts are on the menu. Still eight teams did manage to get away for the windy weekend competition. Most teams beat themselves with missed shots, etc. It was a tough weekend for many as the Total Harvest was just 1 bobcat, 3 coyotes & 2 foxes. Here are the results:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Bob B. & Terry J.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Keith Z. & Andy G.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Craig B., Charles D. & John S.

**Total Harvest:** 1 bobcat

**Total Harvest:** 2 coyotes

**Total Harvest:** 1 coyote & 1 fox

#### BLAST FROM THE PAST:

#### RESULTS OF THE 1982-1983 6-MONTH HUNT

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** John Galloway, Dale Lentz - 45 coyotes, 5 foxes, 9 bobcats, 1 bear – 1,025 points

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Craig Bosgieter, Jim South: - 91 coyotes, 1 bobcat, 2 foxes – 970 points

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Lew & Connie Early: 91 coyotes, 1 fox – 915 points

**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Dick Snell, Fred Cronk: 81 coyotes, 1 fox – 815 points

\*\* Back then the point system was the same as today’s Multi-Club Hunt: Coyote-10, Fox-5, Bobcat-50, Bear-100 points

### HUNTING PICS



Lifetime Member Jim C. with called & shot Coyote



Taylor G with first Mule Deer!



Tim N. looks over his new Ghillie Suit



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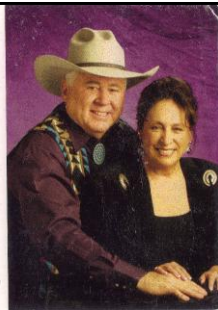
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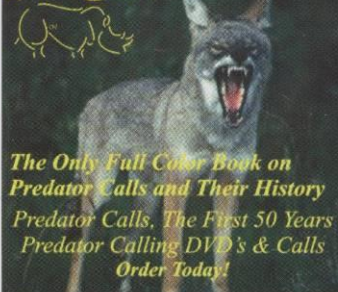


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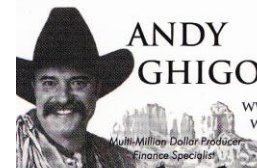
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