

Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc.
PREDATOR TALES

Presidents Message

2012 is already shaping up to be an interesting year. The new night hunting rules will provide new experiences for Arizona predator callers. We have booked a seminar for the March Meeting by Steve Carter, who was a member of California predator clubs for many years & he will share his experiences & skills on Night Hunting Tactics & Equipment. That is a must see for anyone interested in trying night calling. Gary A.M. will be the featured speaker at the February meeting and he will speak about any subject he chooses. Regardless, it will be informative and entertaining. I would like to tap the vast experience of our club members for seminars in the future. Anyone who is willing to share their skills and knowledge of predator calling tactics and equipment with the PPCI members please contact me at the general meeting. We have several events coming up in the near future that will be discussed at the next meeting. Club elections are approaching so please consider running for office and/or nominating someone you would like to represent you. Call 'em close. Rich Higgins

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

- *** The Check-in location for the Club Hunts has changed. Let's meet on the side of the Lodge. **STAY OUT OF THE BACK PARKING LOT & SPACE!** You will set off the alarm.
- ** Shooting Lions with Shot" & some methods of "Night hunting" in Arizona are now legal effective immediately!!! Others you will have to wait until March. See inside for more details.
- ***Membership Dues, Membership Dues, Remember to stay a member **YOU MUST RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR! You will find your Renewal Date on the label of your Newsletter.** Please **DO NOT** neglect your Membership!
- *** May 19-20 is the date set for the PPCI Annual Campout & BBQ. Moqui Draw Area
- *****FOR THE MOMENT THERE ARE 2 WAYS** to send your stories, etc. to this Newsletter. Send to either jestrango@cox.net or huntresspvc@gmail.com
- *****STILL TO COME: YOUTH TRAPPER'S CAMP:** On Feb. 18, 19 & 20, 2012 the SWFH will be conducting it's 2nd Annual Trappers Youth Camp. There will be limited enrollment so get your name on the list NOW! Age restrictions will be youth 10-17 years old. Trappers Ed will also be conducted at this time for the youth. Contact Jim West (928) 567-6207.

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THE PREDATOR WEEKEND at CABELA'S - Dec. 3-4, 2011

By Eddie M

Cabela's did things a little different and held a Predator Calling Weekend Event at their store on Dec. 3 - 4, 2011. This weekend consisted of some sale ads on some of their predator calling gear, plus a total of 4 predator-related seminars up in their classroom on both days. They also allowed different predator calling companies and clubs to set up shop inside their store to demonstrate and sell their merchandise. One other thing that Cabela's did was help to host the Arizona State Varmint Calling Championship in front of the store on Saturday. This event did draw quite a number of spectators.

PVCI had a booth inside the store and we also gave some of the seminars up in the classroom, our mission, to promote the sport of varmint calling. All in all the weekend was a success with lots of interest shown & lots of questions answered. Also many, many people that normally would have had no knowledge of what we do were exposed and received a good dose of predator-calling mojo.

Many thanks to Cabela's for having this Predator Calling Weekend. Thanks also to those who volunteered to run the booth & do the seminars.



THE TRADITION CONTINUES: CABELA'S & PVCI HOST THE 2011 ARIZONA STATE PREDATOR CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS - DEC. 3, 2011

The Arizona State Predator Calling Championship was held Saturday December 3rd at Cabela's. There were 10 contestants including several people who had won or placed in this competition in past years who competed. As usual, most of the competition was fierce with lots of sounds and strategy going on. When the dust settled and the scores were all added up PVCI member Tyler Higgins took 1st Place & became only the 2nd person in the history of this competition (started in the 60's) to win the Championship 3 years in a row (the 1st was Brad Copper)!!! 2nd Place went to PVCI member Dick Snell & 3rd Place to new PVCI member Steve Green. Top Novice went to participant Ross Shores.

PVCI member Dick Snell was in charge of the Event which involves among other things setting the date, finalizing the rules, coordinating the talks with Cabela's, coming up with the trophies/prizes with PVCI & Cabela's, putting out the sign-up sheet, deciding whether Fee or Free, etc. Many thanks to Dick, his wife Pam, Cabela's and everyone else that came together to help make this Event a success. Hope to see an even bigger & better Event next year.

P.S. In addition to trophies, Cabela's gift cards were also handed out. 1st Place received a \$100 card, 2nd Place a \$50 card & 3rd Place a \$25 card.



TAKE -VS- HARVEST Editorial by Terry J.



For some time now I have been hearing hunters refer to their kill as harvest. Personally, I consider this to be an incorrect usage of the term. Farmers "Harvest" crops (beets, corn, fruit, etc., etc.). Livestock (beef, pork, poultry, etc., etc.) on the other hand is slaughtered. Crops and livestock both are cultivated or raised and they both may be referred to as part of the overall "Harvest" but only in a general sense.

When we hunt, we don't "Harvest" what is cultivated or raised, we take what is wild. If you read the Game & Fish Regulations you will see no mention of the word "Harvest" in relation to game, non-game, reptiles or predator-fur bearers. You will see the word "Take."

By now you are probably wondering what difference it makes? I believe that the use of the term "Harvest" in relation to our sport presents at least a few liabilities and I will discuss two of them.

First I think that many hunters who refer to their kill as "Harvest" do so out of a sense of political correctness to make our sport sound more acceptable to the non-hunting public. I believe that some also intend this, partly at least, to counter the anti-hunting forces.

The problem I see is that when we change our language or our behavior in order to placate those who oppose us, it only serves to demonstrate that their efforts are effective. This emboldens and encourages them, for they will now believe that they can further alter our behavior to suit their desires. Nothing succeeds like success.

If we as hunters convince the general public that we are in the field to "Harvest" these animals, we also give the anti-hunters the opportunity to argue that since the furs are only prime for a few months out of the year; the seasons should be restricted to only those few months. Also it gives them the opportunity to argue that the "Harvest" should be managed with bag limits or quotas in order to "Protect the Resource."

The anti's know that they can't get hunting outlawed overnight but time & time again they have been successful at reducing seasons or bag limits to the point that fewer & fewer people have the opportunity to hunt or even find the effort to be worthwhile. Those who oppose hunting will do so regardless of how we characterize it or mischaracterize it, as the case may be. The last thing we as hunters should do is give our adversaries "ANY" opening to use against us.

This year I intend to "Take" a number of predators and I hope that everyone else who wants to will have the opportunity to do the same. I don't expect everyone to agree with me but this year, if you feel the urge to "Harvest" something, please do us all a favor and plant some beets.



QUESTION: OKAY I WANT TO HUNT THE CLUB HUNT BUT DON'T KNOW ANYONE TO ASK. HOW CAN I FIND PARTNERS TO HUNT WITH??

This question is a reality for many, many of you members (both new & old) during the hunting season. You want to go hunting so bad that you can taste it however it seems like there is no opportunity because either the same people are always hunting together or you are just lost because you have no idea who is hunting or wants to hunt & wouldn't really know who or how to ask anyway. This is probably frustrating to you also as the desire to learn about predator calling & then to actually have the chance to go hunting is probably the #1 reason you joined the Club in the 1st Place. I have some suggestions that may be of help to you in the future. The following suggestions don't really have an order & should probably all be used in your overall plan.

Bob B. is the Hunt Chairman. Bob is the guy who hands out the awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place during the hunt months. If you really want to hunt, be sure to get your name down on Bob's list whether you have a team or not. Most of the teams sign up and pay the \$10 fee that night. You don't have to pay right away though. Get your name on the list; then tell Bob of your desires like how many people you would like to go with, whether you want to hunt one day or two, if you have a 4-wheel drive truck or need a ride with someone who has a 4-wheel drive, etc. **Important: Also leave your phone number.** There are usually several members looking for someone to go with in the days after the Meeting is over, often desperately so. Bob's phone # is (602) 769-5019 and is on the front of every Predator Tales Newsletter. If you are looking for someone, give him a call & see who he's got on the list. Now if it works out that you find no one or no one finds you and you do not want to go or even if you do find someone be sure to call Bob **BEFORE the Hunt starts** & tell him yes or no. If you are signed up and the answer is no and you wait until after the Hunt starts, then you owe Bob \$10 regardless if you paid him or not & regardless of whether you went out or not. If you are signed up, then once the Hunt starts, Bob has no choice but to assume that you're hunting, in which case you owe him. If you are not signed up and don't report to Bob who you will be hunting with before the hunt, then you are in reality not signed up & your kills won't count. Remember, call Bob **BEFORE** the hunt. You can pay him later, like when you come to the check-in.

Hopefully this information will help you in your future hunting endeavors. Have FUN!!!

by Eddie M.

PVCI 2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION REPORT by Ruth S.

I do hope that you were able to make it to the Annual PVCI Christmas Party that was held recently on December 6, 2011, the Party taking the place of the December Meeting. Those present were blessed with good company, good food and many chances to go home with some sort of gift whether purchased in the general auction or won in the bucket, balloon and/or gun raffle. This is a BIG affair and there were many members present along with their wives and families. The atmosphere was definitely joyous. Upon arriving the entry fee of at least one can of food per person was collected by Gary A.M. & Ginger for the Dave Kardos Food Drive that we do each year. Gary reported that this year's total take was around 1, 100 lbs. of food & water. The recipient of this Donation was the Desert Mission Food Bank.

Once inside the first thing you probably saw were the balloons (some 120) for the balloon raffle. The next thing seen besides all the people was probably the many donated items from the members of the club and from the many sporting & outdoor organizations that contributed something per our request. I shall try and list as many of these contributors as I can on the next page. Member John T. also made & raffled off a beautiful Toner Knife w/Moose Antler Display, ½ the proceeds going to the Club. There were also several tables of delicious food and desserts for the potluck and they must have been good as there were not that many leftovers. Member Brent F. was the auctioneer and did a great job auctioning off the general auction items while his helpers Tesa S., Char G, Danni G. and Taylor G. helped with the bucket raffle. Member Ken E., & Kendall E were the cashiers. Member Steve L. sold tickets for the gun raffle. Member Corrina G helped with the silent auction tables & Chelsea E. helped me keep my sanity along with running the balloon raffle. While the balloon and bucket raffles had some happy winners probably no one in the house was as happy as the winner of the gun raffle's AR-15!!! All in all it was a Great evening, one that probably won't be forgotten anytime soon. Thanks to every one of you that helped to make this night a success. The contributors, those behind the scenes and you the Members for attending! Thanks! We are already looking forward to next year and hope that you will also be able to attend. F.Y.I. PVCI members give yourselves a BIG pat on the back!!! I would like to thank everyone (especially Chelsea) for helping me put this all together, as this was my first time running the Christmas party.

Addendum: Our Annual PVCI Christmas Party was held on Dec. 6th. It was a HUGE success due in no small part to the efforts of Ruth S. who was the event organizer. She did an excellent job getting donations from various sporting & outdoor-related companies. A number of donations also came in from you the membership. Thanks to all who donated their items or time & thanks also to you the membership for your monetary contributions.

The PVCI President's Award recipient for 2011 was member Gary A.M. Gary is an outstanding member who has done & continues to do so much for the Club. For those who may not recognize him, Gary is the member who runs the Bucket Raffle every Meeting. He is also arguably the best shot in the Club and an excellent caller, teacher, mentor and volunteer for the various events. PVCI sure could use more members like him.

The 2011 Member of the Year was the Vice-President of the Club, Ken E. Another outstanding member who volunteers for almost everything and who has been our Trail Clearing & B.O.W. Becoming An Outdoors Woman head honcho. Ken has established himself as a good caller and a good teacher & mentor also and you wouldn't want him coming after you with a muzzleloader. It sure wouldn't hurt PVCI to have more members like him either.

We do hope that everyone went on to have a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will be a good one.



2011 PPCI Christmas Party Contributors

Below is a list of the companies, members and individuals that said "YES" and donated items to our 2011 PPCI Christmas Party. Please take note of the companies that donated items and remember them as you make your purchases throughout 2012. Maybe you could even thank them when purchases are made for their contribution(s) and by all means do make mention of how you heard of these businesses on the list. As for the members and individuals that donated items or services, PPCI says "Thank You Very Much!" Your generosity helped to make this "Special Night" a huge success! Thanks for your contribution. Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year!!!

Texas Roadhouse, Alpen Optiks, Outdoorsman, Sportsman Warehouse, Berger Bullets, Mathews, Princess House, Mary Kay, Wildlife Research, SKB, Muzzy Products, Wolf Ammo, Radians, Sims Vibration, Danner/Lacross, Vortex, Uni-Dapter, Bass Pro, Cabela's, Montana Decoy, Midway USA, Atsko, Alan Korwin, Firebirds Wood Grill, Cave Creek Trailrides, Timney Triggers, White Oak Arms, Elite Survival, Buck Knives, Confident Shotgunning, Quaker Boy's, E.L.K. Inc., Mojo Outdoors, Buck Bomb, Predator Quest, Havalon Knives, Drury Marketing, Traditional Performance Firearms, and PPCI Members, Tommy Martin, Dan Schoenfeld, Gary Anthony, John Toner, Ray Muffie, Dick Snell, Jerry Goullbier, Joe Porath, Rich Higgins, John Kells, Mary Moore, James Strang, and Eddie Murdock.

My deepest apologies if I have forgotten your name or company and again "THANKS" to all the above, to those I may have missed and to those of YOU who came out and participated!



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 in the BI-Monthly Predator Tales we do our best to let you know exactly what those choices will be (hopefully also in advance). Then on the night of the Meeting, with the firearm usually present for all to see, the Raffle Tickets are made available. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 apiece with NO LIMIT on the amount that you may purchase. You need NOT be a member to participate. The Raffle Drawing is held that evening and some Lucky Person will win! ***All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.*** Firearms can be picked up at The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121. Ask for Steve L.
The Gun for February will be a Tarus Taij Model 66double-action .357 Magnum w/ 6-inch barrel, Matte Stainless Finish, 7rounds, rubber grips & adjustable sights. The Gun for March has yet to be determined (?)
Someone is going to WIN!! Will it be you? Remember there is NO LIMIT to the amount of tickets that may be purchased.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*** Effectively Immediately (Until at least May 24, 2012). 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, 2012 or if/when the bag limit is reached. Check Hunt Regs. 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. To volunteer for upcoming Events email Ken at douglasnative@yahoo.com

Jan. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! You must have a 2012-hunting license to hunt. Do you have a 2012 lion tag?

Jan. 21 – Annual Multi-Club Hunt. Pits our Club against the other varmint-calling clubs in the state in a 1-day hunting competition. The winner claims “bragging rights” as the “BEST” Varmint-Calling Club in the State. Members please hunt this day!!!

Jan. 26 – Archery Spring Javelina Season closes statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Jan. 27 – Juniors Only Spring Javelina Season opens in select Hunt Units. B.O.W. Class at the Saguaro Lake Lodge.
Feb. 5 – Juniors Spring Javelina season closes. Also ALL GENERAL QUAIL SEASONS END.

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

Feb. 10 – HAM Spring Javelina season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your hunt Regs.

Feb. 11-12 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. Extra points awarded for harvesting predators with/handgun, archery or muzzleloader.

Feb. 14 – Deadline at 7:00p.m. for the 2012 Antelope & Elk tags. Happy Birthday Arizona – 100 Years Old

Feb. 15 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Feb. 17-19 – Women’s Javelina HAM Hunt near 3 Points, SW of Tucson. Units 36A, B & C. Contact Amanda @ coueswhitetail.com

Feb. 18-20 – Youth Trappers Camp at Chauncey Ranch. Ages 10-17. All phases of trapping taught & demonstrated. Meals given. Call Bob Rhoton 928-532-5776 or Don Rhola 928-636-0585. Hosted by the Southwest Fur Harvesters.

Limited to 12 students!

Feb. 23-26 – International Sportsmen’s Expo (ISE) at the University of Phx. Cardinals Stadium. www.sportsexpos.com

Feb. 24-26 – Javelina Hunt & Outdoor Fair. Units 17A/B, 19B, 20A. www.huntfair.com

Feb. 24 – Rifle Spring Javelina Season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 1 – Night Hunting of coyotes opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs. Light must not be attached to truck

Mar. 3-4 – Annual Antelope Eaters Hunt. Check-in has been in Seligman, AZ. Check the Mohave Sportsmans website.

Mar. 6 - This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. **Club Nominations.**

Mar. 10-11 – PVCI Monthly Hunt! This is the Novice II Hunt. Normally teams MUST have a Novice to qualify.

Mar. – 21 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Mar. 23 – Spring Bear Season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 31 – Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, ringtail, weasel & coatimundi seasons end. Save-A-Fawn Hunt also scheduled.

Mar. 31 - Apr. 1 – Arizona Game & Fish Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Free admission & parking.

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 2012 expiration). 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 Brian Z. (480) 335-4918.

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: No Report

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: No Report

**“SHOOTING LIONS with SHOT & SOME FORMS of “NIGHT LION HUNTING”
NOW LEGAL in ARIZONA!!! by Eddie M.**

***** Effectively Immediately (Until at least May 24, 2012). IT IS NOW LEGAL TO HUNT MOUNTAIN LIONS during the day using a rifle, shotgun shooting slug 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, SHOTGUN SHOOTING SLUG OR (NEW RULE) SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT. The Multiple bag lion units basically are Hunt Units 6A South, 13B South, 15B (West of Temple Bar Rd.), 15C & 15D, 16A South, 18B South, 22 South of Hwy 87 & West of Hwy 188 & FR 143, 31 & 32, 37B North of the Gila River, 40A, 42 (with some exceptions & 44A (East of Cunningham Wash). These Multiple Hunt Units are open until at least June 30, 2012 or if/when the bag limit is reached. Please Check Hunt Regs. **Remember to report your kill within 48 hours. Also be sure to call 1-877-438-0447 before you hunt and to report your kill.****

At least one mountain lion has been harvested at night since the new season began. It was a 7-9 year old female lion. I am not sure which hunt unit it came from.

**NIGHT HUNTING OF COYOTES with SHOTGUN & ARTIFICIAL LIGHT A REALITY on MARCH 1, 2012
by Eddie M.**

Starting March 1st, 2012 night hunting with the aid of artificial light will be allowed in certain Hunt Units in Arizona. The light may NOT be attached to or operated from any vehicle. The season in Arizona will run from March 1st, 2012 to May 31st, 2012. The Hunt Units that will be open are units 2A, 4A, 10, 13A, 17A, 17B, 31, 32, 34B, 35A, 35B and 36B. These units are all in areas where either antelope or bighorn sheep are in more need of protection.

These new regulations are called Daylong hours. The daylong hours are 12:01a.m. to 11:59p.m. A shotgun shooting shot is the only firearm that may be used. Only coyotes are legal to kill unless you are in a multiple-use mountain lion unit (read above). PLEASE CHECK YOUR HUNT REGULATIONS ON THESE NEW RULES.

2012 MULTI-CLUB HUNT RESULTS by Eddie M.

Congratulation to XPC for winning the Multi-Club Hunt for the 2nd year in a row!!! In many ways they deserve the Title. It seems that practically their whole Club shows up & participates. XPC also did an EXCELLENT job in the “Feeding us after the Hunt Category.” I think that they may have had too much food. Good food too. Mike L did an excellent job on the grill. There were a lot of hunters present and if you went hungry, well it was your own fault.

PVCI had a few members present. I do believe we were in the minority though. Of course there were some that went out and got nothing that just didn't bother to show up. (You missed out; the food alone would have made the trip worthwhile.) I really, really believe that we could have won this Hunt with a little more participation. Just like last year, even with the very few of us that show, we do GOOD!

The Final Unofficial Tally that I counted was: **XPC – 1st Place:** 10 coyotes, 3 gray foxes, 1 bobcat. **PVCI – 2nd Place:** 7 coyotes, 1 gray fox. **APC – 3rd Place:** 7 coyotes

For the PVCI team, 1 coyotes was called & killed by Ken E. Another was called & killed by Dick S. Later Larry M. came in with a gray fox for us. As is often customary, PVCI member Craig B. & his team of Chuck D., & John S. showed up last for us with 5 coyotes, giving us 2nd place! Craig called all the coyotes & shot 2. Chuck also shot 2 & John shot 1. I still believe that we could have taken this Event. Foey on you if you had a critter & didn't show up with it!

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOORS EXPO – MARCH 31 – April 1, 2012

This year's Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 31 – April 1, 2012 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 and shotguns and archery equipment on the range and talk to the manufacturer's reps. Shooters can also learn more about competitive shooting and 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 and exhibition booths displaying the shooting, hunting and 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. **For more information about this weekend visit www.azgfd.gov/expo**

**PVCI ANNUAL CLUB ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN APRIL
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!!!
(Do you want to have a say in the doings and goings on of this organization?)**

Then why not seriously consider running for office this year! This could be the start of a new era in PVCI history. 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 NOMINATE YOURSELF!

The Club Handbook says: 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:

President: The Head Honcho, the Main Man. Responsible for running both the regular club meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting and shall direct the activities of this Club. There can be lots of perks to being President.

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 submits proof of all mailings. This person needs to have some PVCI letterhead in his possession. Usually in charge of the thank you letters. 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 regular and the board. Also votes on issues discussed at the board meetings. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Anniversary to Mike & Rebecca F.
Married 23 years on Jan. 28th



Happy Anniversary to Gary A.M. & Ginger
Married 14 years on Feb. 28th.

UPCOMING PVC I EVENTS:

FUR PREP DAY COMING SOON!!! – Date To Be Announced

(To Be Determined?) 2012 is this year's date for Fur Prep Day! This is the day that is set aside to "put-up" the fur from the Fur Program. Those that have frozen pelts are asked to take them out to thaw the night before at the latest. I float my plastic bags in a cooler of water.

On this day we prepare the thawed-out furs for either the tannery or for sale. First we wash, then flesh them. Next we sew up the holes, then stretch 'em fur side in until they reach a certain drying point. Then we turn them fur-side out and put back on the stretchers to finish drying. Eventually the furs are combed or airbrushed to make them look even nicer, then taken off the stretchers and shipped to the tannery or taken to the fur sale. (This year we will again do the tannery.) Once the tanned furs get back, those that helped out on Fur Prep Day are able to purchase furs at a reduced rate. If you have your own marked furs then you will owe the tanning and shipping fee. The rest go on sale to the Club members and to the public at some of the various functions we do.

Make no mistake this is work, especially when it comes to fleshing the critters. Volunteers are needed. The more people that help, the faster the work goes. This is an excellent time to learn what to do with a pelt after the harvest. Lunch and drinks will be provided by PVC I!

The location of the Fur Prep will be (Location to be announced) in Phoenix, AZ. Start time will be 7:00a.m. and we will probably be going all day. Do drop in to help and learn, even if just for a little. Bring a sharp knife or two. Otherwise the Club should have the other fur prep materials.



PVC I ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE – MAY 19-20, 2012

This year's Annual Campout & Barbecue will be scheduled for May 19-20, 2012. We are working 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 used to be one of our most attended events of the year. Typically there are events scheduled for the youth and the adults. Most of the adult events are shooting events. Both women and men compete separately in .22 rifle, .22 pistol, big-bore handgun and bowling pin and compete together in the 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 and under ???Please also bring 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 2012 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 2nd 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. Remember that anymore, if we don't get the volunteers to do the various duties, then we simply won't have the Event. It's just too exhausting trying to get people to do things. If no one volunteers then it must be that we either don't want or don't care if the Event or aspects of the Event happen or not. To get 1st pick at running an Event or to volunteer please email Member /Webmaster Tommy M. at www.pvci.org Once on the site, look for the place where you can email the webmaster and email him there. Thanks in advance for your help!



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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Ray M. – Unit 37B Javelina
 Eddie M. , John B. – Unit 37A Javelina
 Eddie M, John B., - Unit 1 Late Turkey
 Ken E., Brian Z., - Unit 33 Javelina

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.

Jan. 21, 2012 Multi-Club Hunt

Feb. 11-12, 2012 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader
 Optional extra points Hunt.
 Mar. 3-4, 2012 – Antelope Eaters Hunt

Mar. 10-11, 2011- PPCI Club (Novice II) Hunt

Mar. 31, 2012 – Save-A-Fawn Hunt

Apr. 3, 2012 – end of the 6-Month Hunt

***** If you're signed up for the 6-Month Hunt:** Then you'd better keep hunting your butt off. This Hunt started on the October Club Hunt & ends on April 3, 2012 at the April Monthly Meeting. All Proofs-of-kills need to be turned in by then. Turn in your Proof-of-kills to Hunt Chairman Bob B. He must physically see the Proofs in order for you to get credit. Don't know what the 6-Month Hunt is? See the Nov-Dec. 2011 Predator Tales for an explanation.

PPCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

DECEMBER MONTHLY HUNT: I know that the late elk hunt took some of our regular hunters away. It was a full moon weekend, which many hunters don't like. However when it is a competition hunt, you hunt regardless of the conditions & may the best team win. 17 people representing 7 teams went out to hunt. The Total Kill: 1 bobcat & 3 foxes. Only 1 team came back with any results. They were 1st Place: Bob B., Terry J., & Brent J. – Total 1 bobcat, 3 foxes.

JANUARY MONTHLY HUNT: Archery javelina & deer opened on Jan 1st. That was probably the focus of lots of hunting members. Still Hunt Chairman Bob B. says that 11 people representing 6 teams went forth & hunted on this again full moon weekend. The Total Kill: 2 foxes, 1 coyote.



1st Place: Bob B., Terry J. 2nd
 Total 2 foxes



Place: Craig B., Charles D., Steve G
 1 coyote

PREDATOR WEBSITES: www.ppci.org, www.predatormasters.com, www.thearizonahunter.com, www.porathgamecalls.net

MARCH "NOVICE II" HUNT – MARCH 10-11, 2012

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!

HUNT PICS



Eddie M. & Len W.
 w/Gray Fox



Bob B., Terry J., & Brent J.
 December 2011 Monthly Hunt Winners



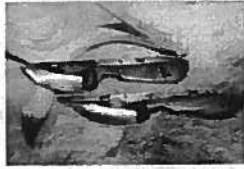
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Mark M. and Crystal R. wonder
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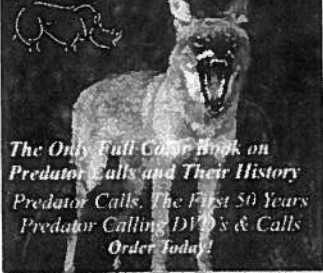
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