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Presidents Message

Thank you Rich Higgins for all you have done for the club as president the last three years! Just don't think you have gotten away scott free. We still have need for your help as past President. Welcome to the PPCI Board of Directors, James Strang & Mark Miller (who was Foolish enough to re-run). We have a great year already in the planning stage & the entire Board is stepping up to the challenge. The PPCI Fishing Derby, the George Knox Memorial Boot Camp & Trail Clearing are working up and will be something to look forward to as the summer heats up. All are events perfectly suited to family and friends participation, so let's socialize, play, and work together to build up our clubs strengths. Another change we have had is Terry H. taking over the Call Box. Thank you Terry, and thank you Larry S. for your dedication and all the energy you have invested in PPCI. The PPCI Annual Campout and BBQ was great. Thank you Tommy Martin and all who participated, including yours truly. The weekend was cool in the morning, warm in the afternoon, and quite a lot of bull pucky was spread each evening as everyone visited each other. Lots of good shooting, camaraderie galore, and you should have seen my dog trying to get away from that chair chasing her. It was just as quick as she was as it bounced, since it was tied to the other end of her lease! Clean your guns, work on new calls, build new hand loads to increase accuracy, think about new camo and strategies . Now is the time to start prepping for the next season.

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

- * There are 98 members that are past due on paying their membership dues! If you owe, the words "Membership Due" will appear in RED letters on the front of your Newsletter. We will NOT be doing any more letter mailings. As this money is Club Revenue, please, please pay up if you owe.
P.S. We will be dropping you very soon if you do not renew.
- * Corresponding Secretary Eddie M. believes that the Lifetime Membership price is way too low & has began the process of having this price increased. We need to discuss this process at both the June & July Club Meetings & at least 1 more Board Meeting. Your input for or against will be considered if you show up & say something. Want more details, show up at these Meetings.
- * Who is the BEST FISHER PERSON, Adult & Child in the Phoenix Varmint Callers? The Annual PPCI Fishing Contest /Derby will be held on Saturday June 9th, 2012 (Free Fishing Day) at Ashurst Lake (Fire conditions permitting). Prizes for longest fish & longest stringer plus the famous PPCI **Members & Guests Raffle** for those that take the time to show up. Also a Big Fish Fry/Crawdad Boil/ Potluck on Saturday night up in the COOL pines. More details inside.
- * How would you like to receive this Newsletter as a PDF file on the computer instead of in paper form? Let Membership Chairman James S. know either at a Meeting or call (602) 820-5142.
- *To contribute stories, pictures, etc. Send items to pvpcigroup@yahoo.com or huntresspvci@gmail.com



New Pres. Ken E & Old Pres. Rich H PPCI BBQ -Alex/Jorge Top Shooters Kendall & Gary

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1st ANNUAL GUN BANQUET EXTRAVAGANZA

Supporting the 31st Annual North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association (NAWEOA) Conference

DATE: June 30, 2012

LOCATION: DAY'S INN - 502 W. CAMELBACK RD. PHX, AZ.

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

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The 2012 NAWEOA CONFERENCE will be held on July 23-28, 2012 at the Lower Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ. It will be hosted by the Arizona Game Ranger FOP Lodge #71 (AGRL). AGRL is a member organization of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association (NAWEOA) & actively supports wildlife conservation programs in Arizona. AGRL includes both active & retired officers from the AZGFD. AGRL gives back by sponsoring projects including Challenged Kids Fishing Day, Kids White Mtn. Fishing Day, trash cleanups statewide, youth hunting camps & events benefiting wildlife. They also support AZGFD families in times of need & support Law Enforcement functions. For more information visit <http://naweoaz.com>

THE LONG HOT (DOG) DAYS OF SUMMER – WHAT ARE WE TO DO???

by Eddie M.

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

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

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

Volunteer on a Work Project or a Youth Camp: Did you know that the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. & certain other outdoor wildlife organizations like the Arizona Elk Society, the Arizona Deer Association, the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society, the Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Turkey, Outdoors Unlimited, etc. have planned camps & projects for both the youth & adults? From introduction to the outdoors in general to having teachings on how to shoot, plus hunting camps to habitat improvement & restoration projects and ALL of these functions need VOLUNTEERS to help make the event a success. Pick up a copy of the 2012/2013 Fall Big Game Hunt Regulations and look through the youth section and/or get on the AZGFD website or calendar of Events to see a schedule of what is planned.

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

Look for dropped antlers: Every year 99% of every deer & elk in the state lose their antlers and grow a new set. These things are worth money so there is some competition yet there are still plenty of antlers out there that have not been found. Looking for these dropped antlers is fun and can help you to learn some new country and what it has to offer.

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

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

2012 PPCI Campout and Bar-B-Que Report by Tommy M.

The 2012 PPCI Campout and Bar-b-que was held at Moqui Draw in the Coconino National Forest May 19-20 and was attended by approximately 35 people. It was windy on Friday but calmed down for Saturday and Sunday and the weather was great. The shooting events were a lot of fun as we had a bunch of ties with resulting shoot-offs.

The shooting events on Saturday began with the Kids .22 pistol and rifle events. There were 4 contestants: Alex M., Taylor G., Tesa S. and Kim W. I loaned Alex and his Dad Jorge M. my Ruger .22 target pistol-I just had a Leupold 2x scope mounted on it. Neither of them had ever shot it before. They both ended up shooting better than I did with it! (I know, that's not hard to do).

Anyway, the kids did real well, Alex edging out with a combined 16 points over Kim's 13 points and Taylor's 12 points.

The next event was the women's .22 pistol. Kendall E. took 1st place, then we had a 3-way tie for 2nd place and had to have 2 shoot-offs between Courtney, Ashley and Corrina to determine 2nd place, which Corrina ended up winning, then had another shoot off to determine 3rd place, which resulted in another tie between Courtney and Ashley. That was decided by a coin toss, which Courtney won.

In the women's .22 rifle shoot, Kendall took 1st place, Heather 2nd place and Corrina 3rd place.

In the women's gong shoot, Ruth took 1st place, Corrina 2nd place and Kendall 3rd place.

Next was the men's .22 pistol shoot. Gary A.M. took 1st place. Then we had a shoot-out between Jorge M. and Bob J., which resulted in Bob taking 2nd place and Jorge taking 3rd place.

Then in the men's .22 rifle, Terry H. took 1st, Scott H. took 2nd, then we had another shoot-out between Gary M. and Scott E. for 3rd place, which Gary won.

In the men's gong shoot, we had a tie for 1st place, so we held a shoot-off between Gary M. and Jorge M., which Gary won. Bob J. took 3rd place.

After lunch we held the 3-D archery shoot. This was a real close contest! In the men's division, 1 point spread between the 3 places. There was a shoot-off between Gary M. and Ken E., who tied for 1st place with 15 points, which Ken won. Jerry G. came in a close 3rd with 14 points. In the women's division, Kendall took 1st place with 10 points and Ruth S. came in 2nd with 7 points.

Next up was the muzzle loader shoot, which was yet another close match. Two point spread between the 3 places. Tommy M. and Bob J. tied with 10 points. We had a shoot-off with the winner closest to the center of a paper target. Bob won using iron sights against Tommy's 3x9x40 scoped m/loader. Good job Bob. Gary A.M. came in a close 2nd with 9 points and Ken E. came in a close 3rd with 8 points.

We used up the day already, so we started preparing for the evening dinner. Tommy made mule deer taco's, homemade salsa, chips, pico-de-gio and all the other fixings plus there was 50 lbs of crawdads, corn on the cob, potatoes, chicken chili, garlic bread, tossed salad, elk roast, duck appetizers on a stick and brownies & cookies for desert. A big thanks to everyone who brought food.

On Sunday we started with the 5-pin shoot. Again, a very close contest! Gary A.M. won 1st place, shooting all 5 pins in 3.15 seconds. Bob J. took 2nd place, shooting all 5 pins in 5.42 seconds, and Jerry G. took 3rd place, having shot 5 pins in 6.01 seconds. Not far behind was Scott H. He shot 5 pins in 6.07 seconds-that's .06 seconds off of Jerry's time!

Next up was the pistol jug shoot. The pot total was \$59. I didn't count how many shots were taken before it was hit, somewhere around twenty I think. Then Gary A.M. hit it and won the pot. 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, the drawing for the John Toner knife raffle was held. There were 129 tickets sold. Ken Eaton held the winning ticket.

The overall results of the shooting contests are: Men's Top Shooter goes to Gary M. Women's Top Shooter goes to Kendall E. Kids 1st place winner is Alex M. Kids 2nd place winner is Kim W. Kids 3rd place winner is Taylor G. Congratulations to all!! Everyone had a great time. Hope to see you again next year.

Tommy



PVCI 2012 BARBECUE PICS



ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOORS EXPO REPORT by Eddie M.

March 26-27, 2011 were the dates for this year's Arizona Game & Fish Outdoors Expo. The Event was held out at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility off of the Carefree Highway. This Event transformed the Shooting Facility into the largest hands-on Outdoor Expo in Arizona with outdoor adventure and fun for the entire family! As in years past admission and parking were totally free, as were the shuttles to and from the parking to different points of the event. Once inside you had the unique opportunity to test various firearms and archery equipment on the range and talk to the manufacture's reps. There were demonstrations on speed shooting, skeet shooting, backpacking, game calling, competitive shooting, four-wheeling, dog retrieving, etc. plus demos at the fish tank. There were also many, many workshops and exhibition booths displaying wildlife and the shooting, hunting, fishing & outdoor sports.



PVCI had a booth at this Event doing what we do best, promoting the sport of varmint calling and howling up a storm. We did sell some varmint calls & also raffled off a muzzleloader & trail camera combo. Tickets were just \$1 each or 6 for \$5. As usual there was a LOT of interest in what we do and we are sure to get a few new members from the experience.

By the way there were over 33,000 people who attended this year and record 5,000 on Youth Day. What a Great Idea by whomever in the Arizona Game & Fish Department, to have an annual event where you give the public a chance to learn about wildlife related and outdoor recreation activities practically from A to Z. If you didn't make it this year you really missed out on some Good Stuff!!! Hope to see you next year!

 <p>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</p>	<p>MAGNUM MIKE'S CUSTOM GUNS & GUNSMITHING Full Service Gunsmithing Machine Shop Services Hot Metal Finishing Custom Builds-Modifications-Restoration Sporting, Tactical, Competition, Defense 31 W. Lone Cactus Dr. #4 Phoenix, AZ. 85027 (602) 793-5003</p> <p>20% PVCI MEMBER DISCOUNT MUST SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD (Discount on labor charge only. Parts Shipping, Tax & Outside Services Extra)</p>	<p>TIRED OF FAD DIETS & UNREALISTIC CLAIMS?</p> <p><i>Take Shape For Life is the answer! Lose up to 2-5 pounds per week with this clinically proven, safe, and effective program.</i></p> <p>Call me to get started today! Chris Moffitt RN www.CMoffittRN.TSFL.com 602.332.6577 NO CONTRACT</p>  <p>Tollie Shaper TMSFL</p>
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PVCI GUN RAFFLE

Normally if you are old enough to own a firearm, can pass a background check and have at least \$5.00 to invest, then you have a unique opportunity each and every month to win a firearm at the Phoenix Varmint Callers Monthly Meeting. How do we do it you ask? Well every other month or so the PVCI Board of Directors 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 Gun for June will be a stainless Savage Axis .243 rifle. The Gun for July has yet to be determined (?)

Someone will WIN! Will it be you? Remember, there is No Limit on the amount of Raffle tickets that may be purchased.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***** Members remember that you are welcome to attend the Board of Directors Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Meeting is located at 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2, in Phoenix, AZ. Start time is 7:00p.m.**

May 24 – Mountain lion season in the (non-multiple) hunt units close. Multiple kill units still open.

May 31 – Night Hunting (Daylong Hours) Season for coyotes closes.

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

June 9 – PVCI Annual Fishing Contest at Ashurst Lake. Prizes plus Guests & Members Raffle. Also Potluck/Fish Fry/

Crawdadd boil on Saturday Night!!! There are bathroom facilities at the Lake. Come & bring friends. Cool Temps.

June 9 – Mormon Lake Wildlife Expo next to the Lodge & put on by Eddie C. PVCI will have a booth w/ Ken & Rich.

June 12 – Deadline for the fall 2012 Hunt applications

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

June 20 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2).

June 22-23 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Phoenix.

July – No Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meetings in July. Also it looks like there will Not be a Swap Meet in 2012.

July 1 – Tassel-eared squirrel season opens in Hunt Unit 31. Gunnison's prairie dog season opens statewide w/exceptions.

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

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

July 6 – Deadline for mail orders of the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle. July 8- Deadline for online orders of same Raffle

July 14 – Drawing for the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle - Outdoor Experience 4 All Banquet (Details TBA)

July 18 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2).

July 20-22 – Arizona Bowhunter Happening, Mormon Lake area. Hosted by ABA. Info at www.arizonabowhunters.org

July 27-28 – Arizona Trappers Association (ATA) Annual Convention at Gila County Fairgrounds. Details to follow

Aug. 1- Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, ringtail, weasel & coatimundi seasons open w/some exceptions. Check Hunt Regs.

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

Aug. 10 – Aug. 23 - Rifle bear season opens in Hunt Units 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3B, 6B, 22S, & 23S. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 10- Oct. 19 0 Various Limited Opportunity rifle elk seasons open. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 15 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2).

Aug. 24 – Sept 15 - Rifle bear season opens in Hunt Units 6A, 17A & B, 18A, 20A, 20B, 22S, 23S, 24A, 24B. Check Reg

Aug. 24 – Archery antelope, deer, bear, turkey & squirrel season opens in various Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Aug. 31 – Deadline for 2012 Sandhill Crane Hunt Applications.

Sept. 1 – Dove, blue grouse, coatimundi & tassel-eared squirrel in unit 33 opens.

Sept. 1-2 – Robbins Butte Junior's Dove Hunt. Hosted by AZGFD & Chandler Rod & Gun Club. www.azgfd.gov/dove

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

*****NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** The shipping label on this Newsletter provides your personal membership expiration month & year on the same line as your name in the form of MMM-YY (i.e., FEB-12 for February 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.

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Al A. Anthony C., Chip H., David K., Jason M., Ruth S., Scott S., Gary T.

PVICIMEMBERSHIP COUNT: 174

UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST – JUNE 9, 2012 FREE FISHING DAY!!!

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

WHERE: ASHURST LAKE in the Coconino National Forest

DATE: Saturday June 9, 2012, FREE FISHING DAY. **TIME:** Daybreak until 6:00 p.m. You can check-in anytime during the day however the FINAL check-in will be at 6:00p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

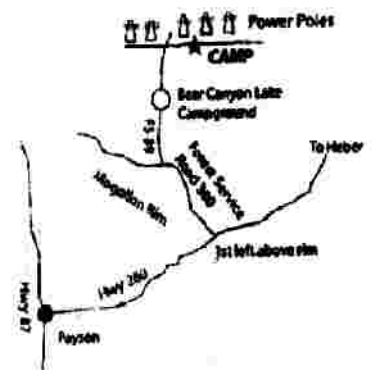
So come on up to the COOL pines & get out of the June desert heat. PPCI hopes to see you there. Please remember that families & friends are welcome & can take part in the Raffle. Also don't forget to bring a dish & maybe some extra items to help cook fish. If you have any questions or can donate some items for the Raffle please call Eddie at (602) 747-9019.

*** 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.

UPCOMING EVENT 2012 ANNUAL PPCI TRAIL CLEARING FIRE RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING

PPCI members mark your calendars for the weekend of Aug. 18-19, 2012. This will be the dates for the Annual PPCI Trail Clearing. The actual work will take place on Saturday Aug. 18th however many members use this Event as an excuse to spend the whole weekend out of the desert HEAT! The plan is to meet the Forest Service person at the top PPCI sign off of FS Road 300 (where the See Canyon Trailhead begins) at 9:00a.m. Saturday morning. They will pass out the tools and may even go along to help with the trail work.

Fire restrictions permitting, we will be camping off of FS Road 89 approx. 1 mile north of the Bear Canyon Lake Camp turnoff and right before the BIG STEEL power poles that cross the dirt road there. If heading north on FS 89 you would take a right turn on the dirt road that is immediately before the power poles. We will be camped up in the trees on the right hand side as you travel east. (See the map) This is the same location that we have used for the last few years. **NOTE: Due to fire regulations we may all have to camp at the Bear Canyon Lake Campground.** Try our normal spot first.



What is the PPCI Trail Clearing? It is the maintenance of a trail called the See Canyon Trail, which is a survival trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte down to Christopher Creek and is used by many hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc. Our club has been maintaining this trail for over 30 years and we still get many compliments.

There will be a POTLUCK DINNER on Saturday evening! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A DISH! This dinner has turned out really nice the last few years and is most definitely worth sticking around for! We will also have a Breakfast on Saturday morning before the work begins. We could use some extra breakfast items such as sausages, bacon & eggs, pancake batter, etc. Some extra frying pans, mixing bowls etc. would help, heck extra cooks too! As this event takes place in Aug. be sure to take your raingear! Brief afternoon showers in the high country are common!

This is a family affair so do bring them. Friends are also invited. Don't forget the POTLUCK DINNER items! Hope to see you at the Camp & on the trailhead. Questions call James S. (602) 820-4192. We'll have a map in the Aug/Sept issue.

INTERVIEW with PPCI Club Member – LEW EARLY by Eddie M.

Here is another in a planned series of interviews with some of our PPCI Club members. What we will do is ask various members the same set of predator related questions. The varied responses by the different members are always interesting.

This month's I'll feature longtime member & past President Lew Early. Lew has been in the Club since the 60's & has a treasure chest full of experiences, stories & memories. He is married to another past President Connie Early & they've been together for many, many years. Lew is also special to me as he is the person I met at a PPCI booth during a Sanderson Ford Outdoor Show back in 1985 who told me about this hunting club called the Phoenix Varmint Callers.

1) How did you become interested in predator calling? When I was working at Luke Air Force Base, Bill Dudley was working out of the same shop. He brought one of the calls out there & showed me how to work it. I would walk back & forth down the flight line blowing it & getting used to it. A bunch of the guys thought that I was crazy! Then Bill took me out calling a few times to show me what it was all about, like what to do & how to camo myself, etc. I killed my 1st coyote on my own at Rainbow Valley. I climbed into a palo verde tree & had a good view. I started calling & this coyote just comes running in & stopped at 70 yards. That was also where it dropped after one 85gr. bullet from my .243.

2) How long have you been calling? I have been calling since the 60's.

3) What are some of our accomplishments as far as critters called/ harvested and PPCI Pins earned? I have called in lots of coyotes and foxes and some bobcats. I've called in one Mexican wolf many years ago down by the Mexican border. They were protected so it lived. One red fox over by Wittman that was only 30 yds. away sniffing around. I let it & the 1 ringtail that I called also live. I've called 2 lions and didn't get either one and have called 3 bears for others and got one. Have also called in 4 badgers. Do have a bear-pin from the Club.

4) Name three of your favorite calls that are always in your pocket? A Circe jackrabbit call & two peanut calls which are the old wooden calls, one with a brass cottontail reed & the other with a brass jackrabbit reed.

5) What is your favorite predator gun/load combination? I like my .243 that I won in a Calling Contest years ago in South Dakota. Back then I shot an 85-gr. Bullet but have since gone to a 100-gr. Bullet. It does just as much damage, it stops the critter NOW and it doesn't do much pelt damage. I do all of my own reloading.

6) What is your favorite predator to hunt and why? I think the coyote because it's a good challenge to get them. You can't call them in all the time. You have to work at it. They are really crafty, knowledgeable & wary about coming in. They are also beautiful and I love just watching them. I have often called & just watched them, never taking a shot.

7) Describe your most successful stand or day? STAND: I had a gentleman named Cy from Wisconsin that Sam Dudley was supposed to take out but couldn't so he asked if I would. I did and took him down South. I made a stand next to a nice wash. Cy was sitting about 20ft. to my left. I was trying to let him do the shooting. All I had was my Remington 1100 shotgun. I'm calling & look around and see 3 coyotes coming right at us! Cy didn't see them. I swung and shot the first and then the second coyote and Cy got dropped the 3rd one! The 1st coyote rolled to within 5ft. of me!

DAY(S): At one of our Christmas parties I auctioned off a weekend hunt with myself with cameras only! Only I had a weapon, a shotgun. Brad C. bid over \$100 for the hunt. On the 1st stand a coyote came prancing up. Lew knew there were other critters behind it so he threw rocks and asked this dog to leave. Brad got it on film. They then went somewhere else and in 2 days called in 60 coyotes!!!

8) Describe your most disastrous stand or day? The time my son and I went down on the Papago calling. We called no dogs all day Saturday which was unusual. On Sunday Lew missed 2 bobcats, one was at only 40 yards with the .243. Then on the way to a different spot they got a flat and had no jack. Lew drove up onto a stump & dug a hole under the flat to get the tire to fit, put the tire on & kept hunting. They still got nothing.

9) Describe your closest encounter or most frightening moment? There were a couple of gentlemen from Circle K that Sam being sick couldn't take out so I did. We went down South and I set them up in a classic V pattern, them on either side & me in the middle. I'm sitting in a 2 ft. blind & calling. All of a sudden, something didn't feel right. I turned around behind me to see a coyote sitting right there at the blind! All I had to do was move the rifle over & shoot but no, I'm a hunter. Instead I put the rifle on my arm, looked through the scope & shot. I got the coyote but don't know who was bleeding more, the coyote or me with my scope eye?

10) What is your favorite camouflage pattern? I really have no favorite. In the desert use lighter colors while darker green colors are best in forest. I believe in smoking up. Make a fire, burn down to coals then put on green vegetation. Smoke!

11) What do you consider to be the greatest threat to predator calling? Population growth. Too many people going out & buying lots & acreage then closing the land off even though there is a county maintained road. Also locked gates & anti's.

12) Describe your "Dream Hunt" Vacation? To go way up North, say Montana or Wyoming & just sit out there & see if I could call in a big wolf. I don't know whether I would shoot & mount it or just let it go, knowing that I did call it in.



Top Shooter – Top Caller
 Craig B. Bob B.

PVCI TOP AWARDS FOR 2011 – 2012 SEASON

TOP CALLER (EXPERT): Bob B.
 TOP CALLER (NOVICE): Charles D.
 TOP SHOOTER: Craig B.

6 – MONTH HUNT RESULTS (EXPERT)

1st Place: Terry J. & Bob B.
 2nd Place: Craig B. & Charles D.
 3rd Place: Dick & Pam S.



Top Novice - Charles D.

MONTHLY SCRAMBLE HUNT WINNERS

(Best of 7 for 7-Month Totals)

1st Place: Bob B. 2nd Place: Terry J. 3rd Place: Craig B.

Bob also had a Raffle of 15 John Toner Knives to all members who participated in the 2011/2012 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. was the 3rd year that this has happen. The money that you pay (\$10) to enter the Monthly Hunt is what we pay for the knives with. Thank You very much for participating in the Monthly Club Hunts. Also Thank You John Toner for making these wonderful knives!!



Top 6-Month Expert
 Terry J. & Bob B.

PAYSON WILDLIFE FAIR REPORT by Eddie M.

On Saturday May 12, 2012 the tradition continued as the town of Payson, Arizona once again hosted the Payson Wildlife Fair at Green Valley Park. This Wildlife Awareness Fair is meant to open the eyes & introduce both the young & adults to some of the many outdoor wonders & activities that exist. Though there are a few exotics such as the alligator, the 18ft. python and the South American ??? the main focus is on Arizona Wildlife, the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. & Arizona Outdoor Clubs & Organizations. The Event lasted from 9:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. and offered lots to do.

The Phoenix Varmint Callers have been a part of this Event for many, many years. I can remember the very 1st Payson Wildlife Fair that I believe was held inside of a grade school many years ago. Past President Gary Mc. & I ran the booth that year & the Event was interesting even back then. We of course did then just what I did this year at the booth, promoted the sport of varmint calling. The Event now has grown so large that it had to be moved outside and once the town received the Park it was a no brainer on where to have it. My mounted coyote was a big attraction (it was at the 1st Fair also) along with some tanned hides & some skulls that the kids had to identify. I of course also demonstrated some of the different sounds that we use and there were some photo albums of successful callers showing what can happen & proving that this calling stuff really does work. As always there was lots of interest and I of course gave Newsletters to those whom really seemed interested. This "special opportunity" to promote what we do made the Event well worth the trip. Many thanks to the AZGFD for the invite and to the Condor Lady, Kathy Sullivan who I was next too for putting up with the periodic calling noise.



PVCI MEMBERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING WORK PROJECTS & YOUTH CAMPS

How do we get you the member interested? PVCI has joined up with some other Clubs to do certain work projects & to help in some of the Youth Camps. The vast majority of the time our only representative at these events is member Ray E. who does a lot of the cooking. **The #1 reason we don't have more participation is probably the same as above, lack of communication. We very often do not even know that anything is going on. The other big, big spoiler is conflicting dates. In an effort to help keep you informed, here are some upcoming events that we could use your help in any & all capacity.**

June 9 – The Outdoor Festival at Mormon Lake Lodge. Eddie Corona is putting this one on. This is on Free Fishing Day & our Contest is on this day. The Phoenix Varmint Callers will have a varmint-calling booth at this Event.

June 9-10 – Burro Creek Allotment Work Project –Lots of help needed, Meals Provided www.arizonaelksociety.org

July 11, 12 - George Knox Memorial Boot Camp at Vincent Ranch. PVCI in conjunction w/ Outdoors Unlimited

July 15-17 – Wapiti Weekend at Sipes White Mountain Wildlife Area. Hosted by AES www.arizonaelksociety.org

These came to me from member Ray E. To get more information maybe you could talk to him? Otherwise there might be some information on the AZGFD website? I do know that they do have the upcoming junior hunting camps listed.

PVCI's George Knox Memorial Bootcamp and Predator Camp

This idea of having predator instruction in the outdoors was thought about by our own beloved, late George K. Come out & learn instructions from hunters who have harvested many critters. Learn from their instructions & experience.

WHEN: Saturday, August 11, 2012 until Sunday, August 12, 2012

WHERE: Vincent Ranch on the Mogollon Rim

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc., Region 1 of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Arizona Elk Society

Interested in learning how to hunt predators in Arizona? If so, then this is the perfect camp for you and the entire family. Come and learn from experts how to call and hunt predators while enjoying a great weekend in the White Mountains. All food and drinks will be provided free of charge. All you need to bring is your own hunting and camping gear. **Note:** There is some room within Vincent Ranch to camp in tents. There is not

enough room to camp within Vincent Ranch if you plan to bring a trailer or motor home. Please plan on camping nearby elsewhere if you are bringing a trailer or motor home. There is no potable water at Vincent Ranch. Please plan on bringing plenty of your own water as it will likely be a hot day of 80 degrees or so!



Registration for the camp is **required**. To reserve your spot, please fill out and email the registration at http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com/upcoming_events/index.html so they have an idea on the food to bring.

Also register with PVCI Member Ray M. at azxray@hotmail.com

For more info go to www.pvci.org

General Directions to Vincent Ranch from Mesa, AZ

Turn left onto AZ-87 N/N Country Club Dr Continue to follow AZ-87 N -73.5 mi

Turn right onto AZ-260 E - 29.2 mi

Turn left onto Forest Service Rd 300/Rim Rd - 9.3 mi

Turn right onto Forest Service Rd 34/Wallace Rd - 4.0 mi

Turn left - 1.3 mi

Turn right Destination will be on the left

PVCI PICS



AZGF Expo Gun winner! Thank You Rich H.

Eddie & Larry with New Mexico Double!!

Reminder – Coyotes look like this Brent F.

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I would like to ask everyone if they could help me out by sending me some pictures or bring me pictures of recent hunts, club activities, ect.... I would like to put a scrapbook together for the club. The information I would need would be the name of the event, name of people in the picture, date. If you like you can email me the pictures, mail me a copy of the pictures to the club meeting. Below is my information.

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