



Presidents Message

You did it! Thank you, P.V.C.I. The George Knox Memorial Boot Camp was great! Over a hundred people attended. (Forty kids, ten novices and more than enough mentors to take everyone hunting.) Youth Outdoors Unlimited did a great job! Vincent Ranch was a magnificent site for the camp & the weather was perfect for our seminars & the hunt. See the Boot Camp Report inside the Predator Tales.

The See Canyon Trail Clearing was an interesting time, as the Chinese saying goes. The food was excellent and plentiful and well supplied with adult beverages, the company good, the work shared and done well and rain wet as usual. Thank you James S. for heading the effort and thanks to all the members who showed up to help. Saturday did not seem long enough as after the work, P.V.C.I. helped search for a missing 3 1/2 year old. Luckily, he was found unharmed about a half hour before sunset.

Now the Sept. Novice Hunt is done and all who participated will be much more ready for the 2012-2013 hunting season. It was a tough hunt as the wind was very gusty Saturday and also Sunday afternoon. Getting caught in the haboob was sobering as I went off the road several times, even though I was going under five miles per hour and thought I knew the road off the ranch.

If you want to hunt the 6-Month Hunt to win the Top Team honors talk to Bob B and give him some money. By simply hunting, you are already in line for best caller, best shooter, etc. Let's have a good competitive time & try to avoid the Sucks To Be You Award. The coming major events to pay attention to are the Arizona State Calling Championship & then the Christmas Party. Details on the Calling Contest are being finalized and will be available soon. As to the Christmas Party, plan on an outstanding potluck and a great auction. For details contact Ruth S. & any donations will be gratefully accepted, as this is a tough year for soliciting donations from companies in this economy. **by Ken E.**

Things To Be Aware Of

- * There are **86 members** that are either due or past due on paying their membership dues! Look on the front of your Newsletter, if you owe, the words "Membership Due" will appear in **RED** letters. This money is Club Revenue. Please, please pay if you owe. **To renew costs only \$25.** We will be dropping members soon.
- * 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 October Meeting. Need input. Want more details, show up at the Meetings.
- * 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. to this Newsletter send items to pvcigroup@yahoo.com

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**MEMBER JOHN TONER ACCEPTED AS AN AZ. GAME & FISH “HALL OF FAME AWARD” RECIPIENT!!!
(WHAT AN HONOR TO A MOST DESERVING PERSON!) by Eddie M.**

Well-known knife maker John Toner was recently bestowed the honor of being entered into the Arizona Game & Fish Department's Hall of Fame! The Hall of Fame Award is awarded to those individuals who have made significant contributions to Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage.

John, who is a member of many clubs including at least the Phoenix Varmint Callers & Arizona Elk Society is famous for his high-quality knives & knife displays that he makes & sells for Continental Divide Knives. He also is well known for his charity donating many, many knives at either a reduced rate or outright free to many, many, clubs & Events as fund-raisers to help them make money. John also volunteers, helping on many wildlife habitat projects in some capacity. He has been doing both these things unselfishly for many, many years. Folks, the extent to which this one individual gives is phenomenal and very, very worthy of recognition! Congratulations John Toner!!!



**2012 Plans being worked on: CABELA'S PREDATOR CLASSIC SERIES
CABELA'S PREDATOR EXTRAVAGNZA WEEKEND - Dec. ?**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PREDATORS & PREDATOR CALLING? Well then Cabela's is the place to be on December ? as they will be having there PREDATOR EXTRAVAGNZA WEEKEND. There will be special predator-related deals inside the store plus 4 Predator-Related Seminars on Saturday & Sunday, plus on Saturday December ? at ?. Cabela's & the Phoenix Varmint Callers will be hosting the Arizona State Varmint Calling Championship. This Contest is open to ALL, so if you have varmint call and know how to use it, COME ON DOWN! Actually, you beginners come on down also as there is also a Novice Division for those who have never called in the State Calling Championship before. Trophies & the bragging rights of being the State Champion or Top Novice can be yours for the taking!

SATURDAY: CABELA'S PREDATOR SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

Predator Calling 101, Mastering the Call, How To Decoy Them To The Sweet Spot, Everything You Need For A Successful Predator Hunt.

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2012 Plans being worked on:

**THE TRADITION CONTINUES: CABELA'S & PNCI HOST THE 2012 ARIZONA STATE
VARMINT CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – DEC. ?**

WHEN: Saturday December ?, 2012

WHERE: CABELA'S 9380 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ Outside in front of the store.

START TIME: (?) ENTRY FEE: (???????)

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

There will be 2 different categories: Novice & Expert

NOVICE: Basically with a few exceptions, those individuals who have not called in the Arizona State Varmint Calling Contest before.

EXPERT: Basically with a few exceptions, those individuals that have called in the Arizona State Varmint Calling Contest before.

Contest specifics are not known yet 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.

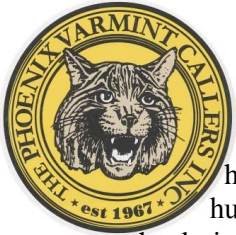
Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Expert and also a Top Novice Trophy (tentative)
Hope to see you there. Sign up early. There is No Entry Fee????? Contest begins at (?)

Novice Hunt with Crystal R.

Crystal and I headed out from home and went just north of Tucson to the Picacho Peak area to camp. We slept & when we woke up for our stand we were surrounded by mosquitoes and were getting bit.

As the sun came up the bugs let up also. On our fifth stand we were close to a rocky mountain ridge. Crystal put me in a spot to call and I faced this peak. After I settled I called too soon as Crystal was only about 30 steps away. I learned to wait a few minutes to get settled in. After about 3 minutes I saw a grey fox heading right to me, close. All I could see was him coming right at me. Even though very excited, I was able to aim and shoot fast and he went down. The next thing I learned was to keep calling after the shot. Instead I was so excited that I said hey babe I got one! Next time I will continue to call and see if he or she may have a mate. All-in-all it was an experience I will never forget!

by Foster A.



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 that either the same people always hunt together except maybe on the Novice Hunts 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 maybe even frustrating to you, as the desire to learn about predator calling & then to actually have the chance to go hunting may be the reason you joined the Club in the 1st Place. The following suggestions don't really have an order and 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 signup and pay the \$10 fee that night. You don't have to pay right away though. Get your name on the list & tell Bob whether you would like to go with one or two people. Give him or write down your specifics like are you wanting to go one day or two, do you need a ride, do you have a 4-wheel drive, etc. Also leave your phone number. There are usually several members looking for someone to go with after the Meeting is over, sometimes desperately. 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 and see what he's got on the list. Now if it works out that you find no one or no one finds you or you do not want to go, call Bob BEFORE the Hunt starts & tell him that you're not going to hunt. If 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. This IS after all the Hunt List. Remember to call Bob BEFORE the hunt!

What do you do at a Club Meeting? Do you sit like a bump on a log waiting for someone to say something to you or do you mingle? Does anyone get to see & notice you? Do you even attend the Club Meetings or ANY of the Events? These Meetings and Events are GREAT places to socialize with other members and make friends.

This is a Hunting Club full of hunters that hunt all sorts of critters. For whatever reason though, it seems that only a small percentage still actually get out there & hunt predators. Yes there are some that seem to hunt together most of the time yet even these teams may be willing to take you out with a little notice. There are many other hunters in the Club either just hoping to go hunt with almost anybody or hoping that someone will ask them. Do NOT wait for someone to ask you. If you want to hunt let it be known to Bob or go ask someone. Your predator-calling career is just that... YOURS. The Club is NOT responsible for getting you a hunting partner every time you want to go out. Make the effort, when you do make friends in this Club, the bonds can become very strong & last a long time.

COUNTY LINE PREDATOR CHALLENGE

Hunt for Coyotes, Bobcats & Gray Fox

PURPOSE: To reduce predator populations in Mohave County.

EVENT DATES: December 1st & 2nd, 2012 **STARTS:** Saturday at Daylight **ENDS:** Sunday afternoon at 2:00p.m.

DAILY CHECK-IN: Teams must check-in each day. Call in (928) 715-0333 or (928) 715-0387

FORT ROCK EXIT #91 of the I-40. Head north & follow the signs to coordinates 035 12° 733 N 113 20° 426' W

RULES: Winners will be determined by the numbers brought in of the above critters. Abide by all Game & Fish rules.

Respect land owners property. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Beans & dogs on Sunday afternoon.

TO ENTER: Mail application along with your check or money order to: Tom Blum, P.O. Box 3392 Kingman, AZ. 86402

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Tom Blum (928) 715-0333 or Wally Hoyt (928) 715-0387. These will also be the phone numbers for the Daily Check-In during the Hunt.

EARLY REGISTRATION FEES: Two Man Team - \$50 Three Man Team - \$75 Award for Heaviest Dog & Most Cats

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD: Friday Night until 10pm. At the Fort Rock Check-In.

Last Minute Registration for 2 Man Team - \$65 For 3 Man Team - \$85

This is NOT AN APPLICATION. This is INFORMATION ONLY. I will have flyers for this Hunt at the October Monthly Meeting. The application is on this flyer. Call Tom Blum (928) 715-0333 or Wally Hoyt (928) 715-0387 for more information.

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains immortal.
Whatever you do, do it your best – Abraham Lincoln

2012 GEORGE KNOX MEMORIAL BOOT CAMP REPORT by Tommy M.

FANTASTIC! This was the one word that seemed to sum up the weekend of our George Knox Memorial Boot Camp Extravaganza! More information on the P.V.C.I Website <http://www.pvci.org>

The 6th Annual George Knox Memorial Predator Hunting Boot Camp was held August 11-12, 2012 at beautiful Vincent Ranch. If you didn't attend, you missed the biggest and best Boot Camp P.V.C.I has ever had! P.V.C.I grouped up with the Arizona Game and Fish Dept, Arizona Elk Society and Youth Outdoors Unlimited, which provided tables & huge tents for holding the seminars in. They also setup another tent for the kitchen & supplied all the help for cooking and cleaning PLUS provided food and drinks for all 115 attendees. Y.O.U. fed everyone from Friday night's dinner to Sunday morning's breakfast! Of the 115 attendees, there were 75 adults, 24 of which served as hunt mentors and 40 kids. What a great turn out! All enjoyed the Predator Hunting Seminars put on by P.V.C.I members Ray E., Craig B., Chris H. and Jerry G.

P.V.C.I raffled off a new Savage Axis .243 rifle to one lucky person who joined the club as a new member. Anyone who joined P.V.C.I as a new member got a ticket for this rifle and the drawing was held Saturday night. Sorry, I didn't get the winners name. P.V.C.I also raffled off a set of custom-made knives Ray E. made and donated as Mentors Incentive. All event staff members and mentors got a ticket. That drawing was also held on Saturday night & the knife set was won by Bob J. Y.O.U. raffled off a ton of prizes to all in attendance. They also made sure that every youth won something to take home!

All novice hunters were taken out to hunt with a P.V.C.I hunt mentor, either on Saturday afternoon/evening or on Sunday morning (or both). 24 novice kids and 10 novice adults were taken out and shown the ropes of predator hunting by expert hunters. There weren't any predators taken by the teams but some were called in and seen by the novices. The event served as a great learning experience for the novices.



ARIZONA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) CONVENTION REPORT by Eddie M.

We all had so much fun at this Event; I wish it happened every month. If you missed the Arizona Trappers Association (ATA) Convention on July 30, 31, 2012 you missed out! For me, this Event reminds me of the Old Mountain Man Events where the trappers, callers & other outdoors people come out of the hills & all gather in one location. There they have friendly contests, buy & trade goods, learn new skills plus say hello to old and new faces. Some of these faces whom you only see this one time of the year. This Event is also the ATA's Main Fundraiser for the year. Well this year as usual everyone was in good spirits. There was a good crowd and we had good participation in the seminars & contests. Also 2012 Miss Rodeo Arizona, Jayne Smith was present and helped the Trappers in many of their fund-raising activities. She was also presented with a red fox vest by the ATA, a token of their appreciation for having her show and help out.

Montgomery Fur Company and the Phoenix Varmint Callers were just two of the Clubs that were present. The ATA had a couple of Raffles plus a Silent Auction on most of the many items that were present on the tables, items that they had received as donations. There were also various trapping and calling seminars throughout the day. One change that I really liked was that the Trappers Ed Course was given on Saturday morning. This made a lot of sense to me as Saturday is the main day and after graduating; the time to stock up on the tools of the trade is then while everything is going on.

As far as the friendly contests, they are free to enter yet the winners can win anywhere from \$50 (kids) to \$100 (adults). This year the Trappers added some new contests (Kids Trap-Setting & Kids Pie-Eating Contests) and brought back one old Contest (the Camo Contest). All the Contests were a blast, especially the two new Kids Contests. In the kids pie-eating Contest they only had to eat one slice of pie but with No Hands! Watching the kids compete in setting the traps was also fun to watch! Miss Rodeo Arizona was a trooper competing in all the different contest, yes even in the Pie-eating Contest! She actually did pretty good there and stayed pretty doing it. She also almost won the Ladies Frying Pan Toss. Fun, fun, fun, what a good time! PPCI winners included Tyler H. in the Calling Contest winning by one point and yours truly (Eddie M.) winning the money in the pick-a-card game. I almost won money three other times, coming in 2nd place in the Camo, Pie-Eating & Calling Contests, maybe next year?

Thanks to the ATA for having this Event. Thanks also to Jayne Smith, Miss Rodeo Arizona for all that you did. She had so much fun she said she might come back just for the fun next year. Thanks most of all to all of you for making the drive. Two things that I miss from the old days are #1 the Live Auction & #2 the food or meal that used to be had towards the end of the day. I'm not sure if the ATA wants to change back to the Live Auction however I've been told to push for having a POTLUCK at the 2013 ATA Convention. Hey I am all for that. I'LL SEE YOU & YOUR FOOD NEXT YEAR!



PVCI GUN RAFFLE

Normally if you are old enough to own a firearm, can pass a background check and have at least \$5.00 to invest, then you have a unique opportunity each and every month to win a firearm at the Phoenix Varmint Callers Monthly Meeting. How do we do it you ask? Well every other month or so the PVCI Board of Directors and Board Members choose a rifle, shotgun, handgun, etc. in advance. Then we here at the BI-Monthly Predator Tales do our best to let you know exactly what those choices will be (hopefully also in advance). Then on the night of the Meeting, with the firearm usually present for all to see, the Raffle Tickets are made available. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 apiece with NO LIMIT on the amount that you may purchase. You need NOT be a member to participate. The Raffle Drawing is usually held that evening and some Lucky Person wins!!! **All winners MUST be able to fill out and pass a background check.** Firearms can be picked up at The Outdoorsman 10004 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ. 85027. Phone: (602) 944-7121.

The Gun for October is a Remington Express 870 12ga. Shotgun w/28" vent rib, matte black, synthetic stock. 2-3/4, 3".

The Gun for November is a Ruger All-American .243 w/ fiberglass stock & drop-out magazine.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Oct. 1 – Bighorn Sheep season opens in hunt units 9 & 10.

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

Oct. 4 – Early Rifle Bull Elk season ends.

Oct. 5 – 7 – Unit 1 Squirrel Camp – Learn how to hunt tree squirrels, other outdoor activities. Food provided. Pinetop/Lakeside, Los Burros Campground in Unit 1. Register at AZ. Game & Fish Pinetop office (928) 367-4281.

Oct. 5 – Rifle Bear Season opens in many select hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Oct. 5 – Quail, North Zone Duck, Fall Turkey, Squirrel, some Elk seasons open in select hunt units. Check Hunt Regs.

Oct. 6 – 7 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!

Oct. 9 – DEADLINE FOR THE 2013 SPRING REGULATIONS AT 7:00P.M.

Oct 11 – 14 – RMEF Junior Elk Hunters Camp! Hunting seminar, tips, game care, dinner & a raffle. Snacks, drinks & guidance provided Friday-Sunday at 11:00a.m. Hosted by RMEF. Information: Clair Harris, clair-linda@q.com Unit 6A

Oct 11-14 – AES Junior Elk Hunters Camp! Happy Jack Lodge/Unit 6A. Free dinner, tips, meat care, safety, prizes & more on Thursday. Support for game locating, retrieval & more offered throughout weekend. Hosted by AES. Info:

www.arizonaelksociety.org or (623) 594-7074. Also YOU Jr. Elk Camp in Unit 1. Info: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Oct. 11-14 - Pumpkin Center Jr. Deer Camp. Tips, habits, food, gifts, bring family. www.thearizonahunter.com Unit 23

Oct. 11 – 14 - ADA Jr. Deer Camp! Tips, habits, food, gifts, bring family. Info. www.azdeer.org Unit 21 & 20B.

Oct. 12 – Dec. 31 – Various Elk hunts open & close in select hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Oct. 17 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2).

Oct. 19-21 – Beginners Quail & Small Game Hunting Camp. Learn to hunt quail & rabbits. Unit 41. Info: 928- 342-0091.

Oct. 26 – Rifle Deer season opens in select hunt units. Nov. 2 – Rifle Bear season opens hunt units 4A & 5A. Check Regs

Nov. 6 - Election Day, VOTE! This is the 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m.

Nov.10-12 – Trapper Instruct Camp. Trappers Ed Course, w/hands-on trapping activity. Meals, camping. 928-636-0585

Nov. 16 – Archery/Muzzleloader Elk season opens in select hunt units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Nov. 21 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting (12851 N. 18th Ave., Lodge #2).

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

Dec. 1-2 – 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. **Flyers at Oct. Meeting.** Call Tom (928) 715-0333.

Dec. 4 – PVCI Christmas Party. – The 1st Tuesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 6:00p.m.

Dec. 7 – Mearns' Quail season opens.

Dec. 8-9 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!!

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

PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Eugene C., Mike G., Justin G., Jarod A., Jose A., Woody F., James H., Branden H., Jose L., Rick M., Kyle M., Kevin P., Paul P., Scott S., DeWane T., Phil W., Joseph W. **WELCOME!!!**

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 229 Members

UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION ON DECEMBER 4, 2012 by Eddie M.

PVCI members mark your calendars for Tuesday December 4th, 2012. This will be the date and (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) will be the location for our PVCI Christmas Party, the Party taking the place of our regular Monthly Meeting. Anymore this Christmas Party is probably one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We're trying to get the doors open by 6:00p.m. You & yours are all (family, friends and 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's been called the "Dave Kardos Food Drive" in honor of one of our late members. Dave used to always run the Food Drive. We take this Food Drive very seriously & usually end up donating multiple hundreds of lbs. of food & water. Dinner will be a potluck affair & we ask that you the members please bring a dish or dessert to share.

As this is a Major Fundraiser for PVCI, Event organizer Ruth S. has contacted hundreds of vendors asking them for donations for this Christmas Party however the response this year has sadly been really down from past years. Donations from YOU the Membership have always been welcomed & accepted in the past. This year will be no exception in fact this year WE WILL REALLY NEED DONATIONS FROM YOU THE MEMBERSHIP! Most ANYTHING will do including goods of either new or used outdoor or indoor items, services, hunts, baked goods, etc. **PLEASE CONTACT** Ruth at pvcigroup@yahoo.com or (602) 820-5142. We do plan on having a good assortment of items so PLEASE DO ALSO BRING YOUR WALLETS. **There will be a general & silent auction & various fun raffles (bucket, balloon) 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 (or water) 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!

SOUTHWEST FUR HARVESTERS RENDESVOUS REPORT by Eddie M.

As another trapping & calling season approaches, the Southwest Fur Harvesters (SWFH) 5th Annual Fur Rindy took place up in the cool pines above Payson on Sept. 22-23, 2012. The SWFH are a good group of folks who know their stuff and really care about all aspects of trapping including, promoting, introducing & teaching others. This Annual Event is one of their main fundraisers and they do their best to have interesting seminars & speakers to help draw the crowd up the hill. There were also a few vendors that showed to sell their supplies. These included Bob S. of Briarpatch Lures (623) 203-1451 who also sells cage traps, Raymond B. of Predator Pro Products with his calls, lanyards, books & DVD's, Lawing Cage Traps (760) 497-1445 cage traps plus DVD Top Dollar Cats and Joy's Woodworking/Crafts (928) 635-1515 who had scroll saw pictures, birdhouses, key holders, horseshoe figurines, family names, etc.

The day started as usual with coffee & doughnuts. The schedule included Raymond B. – trapping bobcats, on coyote trapping, AZ. Game & Fish biologist Ron D. on different topics, Jim W. on trap line survival, David J. – Adopt a Warden, Eddie M. – predator calling, John C.- lions in AZ., Bob S.-caging bobcats, Eddie M.- hunting/calling bears, John O'D- wild game Master Chef. There were also fun events for the kids to do with treasure hunts, games & other activities. Plus a number of door prizes & drawings & a Silent Auction that had some interesting items. The Main Drawing was for a Ruger 10-22, Fox Pro Spitfire & a pop-up hunting blind. Raffle tickets were \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The day ended with the Raffle Drawings a Dutch/oven cook-off, dinner & around the campfire comedy. A good time! On Sunday, the Trappers Ed Course was given to about 20 very interested students.

I thank the SWFH for the invitation to come up again this year. It is an honor to be able to help out & be on the same list as so many BIG names. I would attend anyway. Thanks again & if you missed, hope that you can catch this Event next year. SWFH has a **TRAPPER'S INSTRUCTION CAMP:** On Nov. 10 – 12, 2012 for all and a **YOUTH TRAPPER'S CAMP:** On Feb. 16 – 18, 2013. See pages 6 (Schedule of Events) & page 10 (Hunt Schedule) for more information.

P.S. A Special Plaque was given to Ron Day of the AZGFD for being a friend to the trappers & A **"Hall of Fame" Plaque** was given to **Don & Joan Rohla** (their names were placed with others on the plaque) by the SWFH for all of their dedication & hard work.

Outdoor Experience 4 All

Changing Lives One Adventure at a Time!

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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PVCI 2012 TRAIL CLEARING REPORT by Tommy M.

The 2012 PVCI Trail Clearing was held Aug 18, 19. A big **THANK YOU** goes to James S. for organizing the event this year. There were 22 folks present to work on the trail, 18 adults, 4 children and a hand full of dogs.

The pot luck breakfasts' and dinner were excellent, no one went away hungry. Thanks to all those who contributed. The weather up on the rim was great and a nice rain was enjoyed during the trail clearing to help cool us off. We did receive quite a few thanks from hikers on the trail. Saturday afternoon after the Trail Clearing, some folks in a nearby camp had a 3 1/2 year old wander off from their camp and became lost. A large search got underway with some PVCI members and others on foot and a search/rescue helicopter was called in. Luckily the little one was found unharmed after about an hour with PVCI members helping with the search. He was lost for about 4 hours and was found about 2 miles and a couple of ridges from camp. This was my first time at the Trail Clearing, but it won't be my last, as I had a lot of fun. There was lots of good food and great people to socialize with. Plus it was nice to escape the valley heat for the weekend.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Anniversary- 8 Yrs
Brandon & Erica K –Oct 2



Happy Anniversary- 5 Yrs
Ron. & Chris M –Nov 27



Happy Anniversary- 2 Yr
Brent & Cindi F –Oct 10



Happy Anniversary- 32 Yrs
Jim & Chris K. –Nov 15

BLAST FROM THE PAST..... THIS MAY HELP YOU NEXT TIME YOU RUN ACROSS AN ANTI-HUNTER

Sonia: E-mail: I just wanted to ask how I can get started in the animal killing business. I saw the pictures of you and your friends sitting with your victims & thought that you must be such talented & manly men to be able to kill these unarmed, defenseless creatures with only a shotgun. I was just thinking that something like that would probably take my 4-year old Nephew about a week to learn so you must have learned in about 8 days or so. Wow! Anyway I hope that your power-hungry egos are satisfied & fulfilled with these acts of murder and that you've found some cheap excuse to justify yourself. I guess your conscience was just as easy to kill as they were. Bye.

Darrell's Response: Sonia, for your information, we are all "animal killers." This may be difficult for you to accept but you also are the reason that animals die. Please let me explain: Do you eat any meat? Do you go to McDonald's or have a little pepperoni on your pizza? Sorry to disappoint you but that meat came from a dead animal. Yes, I kill deer, elk and other game animals but at least my animals are treated with respect and allowed to live a free and wild life. Your meat is killed in "slaughter houses" after being penned and trapped for months being forced to eat what will make them tender rather than what they choose.

Oh, are you a vegetarian? Guess what, you are still responsible for the deaths of countless animals. Do you realize that the farmers that grow your veggies regularly kill jackrabbits and other "pests" who interfere with the growing process of your veggies? Do you realize that they eliminated animals that once grazed on the land they now farm so that you can eat tofu?

Do you own anything leather like a purse, a belt or a pair of shoes? What about your automobile, does it have a leather steering wheel or leather seats? Do you think that the animals that provided that leather did so and lived to tell about it? No they died so that you could have what you want.

Do you live on land that used to be habitat for some wild animal? Do you drive over roads that were paved over the tops of rodents and that displaced the animals that migrated across them? Since you are writing me from an "edu" address, do you live in a dorm or an apartment? If you do, they must certainly spray to kill rodents and other pests as well as poison any mice & rats that live there.

As far as where I get my justification, I get it from the ultimate authority, God himself. After the flood, God told Noah, "The fear and dread of you will, fall upon all beasts on all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given unto your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. Genesis9:2-3. In Acts 10, He tells Peter to "Rise, kill and eat."

As far as skill goes, hunting is a skill that requires much work, experience and insight. Also, for your information, I hunt with a bow and not with a shotgun, though I have no problem with my hunting brothers who use a shotgun.

If, in a few years, your 4-year-old nephew is interested in learning how to hunt, I will be more than happy to take him with me and show him the ways of the wild. I will show him how to read tracks in the sand and in the snow. I will show him the incredible power of the majestic elk. I will teach him how to try and outsmart a bull elk by imitating the calls of the elk. I will show him how to make a clean humane kill, one that causes the least amount of suffering possible. Then, I will show him how to take care of the meat so that it can be enjoyed by him and others. It will do him well to learn that he was created at the top of the food chain and doesn't have to live a life destined to tofu and veggie burgers. I will show him how to hunt with honor and how to appreciate the incredible creation that God has for us. I will show him why we need to protect our National Forests and other places where wild animals are allowed to roam free. I will teach him many things but most important, I will teach him about his Creator who loved him so much that He came and died for him. I apologize if my hunting offends you. I ask however that you give some real consideration to the big picture. Yes, I kill animals but so do you. The difference is only that I do so for myself AND YOU HIRE SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT FOR YOU! Have a great day! by Darrell B.

MORE TIDBITS AND SUCH

by Eddie M.

SELECTING A CALL: Okay, which predator call should I purchase to use? Good question. There are basically 6 types of hand-held predator calls. Closed reed, open reed, bite-down and diaphragm, howlers and squeakers/rodent distress. Let's take a quick look at each one and go over their advantages & disadvantages. One more very versatile call to consider that is not covered here is the "Lip Squeak" using your lips.

Closed reed call

Advantages: Much easier to learn to blow.
Good rabbit sounds, some okay with bird sounds. Rodent distress with coaxer reeds or if built-in.
Okay with some models in wind.

Open Reed call

Extremely versatile call.
Good rabbit, bird, rodent, fawn & howler possible w/same call on many models. Will not freeze-up.

Bite-Down Call

Great variety of sounds
Both bird & rodent, okay fawn & rabbit sounds.
Can call with no hands.
Most will call loud & soft.

Diaphragm

Hands-free operation
Versatile, can make all sounds except maybe rodent.

Disadvantages: Will freeze up in cold temps.
Fawn distress difficult on most.
Rodent distress tends to get blown-out quickly.
Not a good coyote howler.

Much harder to learn to use. Don't leave these calls in the sun. Esp. with the Tally-Ho, you will damage the reed.

Some have a problem learning how to use. Okay for some distance calling if light winds. Not a good call for big wind. Terrible howler.

Volume can be a problem w/ rabbit.
Not a good call for the wind.

Howlers are calls made specifically for coyote howling. Of course you can also make a decent howl on many of the open-reed calls. Squeakers/rodent distress can be used both as a main call for enticing critters in or as a coaxer should one happen to hang-up on you.

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 PPCI 6-Month Hunt begins (See *Exceptions)	Feb. 9-10, 2013 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader
Nov. 10-11, 2012 PPCI Club Hunt	Optional extra points 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 PPCI Club (Fur) Hunt	Mar. (??), 2013 – Antelope Eaters Hunt
Jan. 5-6, 2013 PPCI Club Hunt (???)	Mar. 9-10, 2013 - PPCI Club (Novice II) Hunt
Jan. (?), 2013 Multi-Club Hunt (see below)	Mar. (??), 2013 – Save-A-Fawn Hunt

*** Are you signed up for the 6-Month Hunt? It's not too late. This Hunt starts on the October Club Hunt & ends at the April Monthly Meeting. All Proofs-of-kills need to be turned in by then. **Basically this Hunt involves you hunting against the other 6-Month members to see who can harvest the most critters in this amount of time. You can hunt as many times and as much as you want BUT you must also hunt at least one Club Hunt together with your partner to qualify.** There are 2 categories, Expert & Novice and usually a 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Award of some type. The cost is \$20 per person and you can only have 1 or 2 man teams. See Hunt Chairman Bob B. to sign up. He's also the one to turn your Proof-of-kills in to. ***Exceptions:** If you are an Expert & took out a Novice on the Sept. Novice Hunt & called in a critter or critters that were killed, then you will receive credit or points for that/those kill(s) before October IF you are already signed up for 6 Month.

***Jan. (??) 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? We have lost this hunt the last 4 years WHEN WE COULD HAVE WON WITH A LITTLE MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION! **PPCI members, if you hunt no other hunt this year, please, please hunt this one!** More details to follow in the next Newsletter.

PPCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

SEPTEMBER (NOVICE) HUNT: This was the 1st Club Hunt of the 2012/2013 season. This year was really a bad weekend for calling with gusty winds most of the weekend. Dove season was also in full swing. In all 8 teams consisting of 20 people went forth to try their luck. The Total Harvest was: 2 coyotes & 1 gray fox.

1 st Place: Bob & Terry. W/Novices Kyle K. & Robert D. Total: 2 coyote	2 nd Place: Crystal R. & Novice Foster A. Total: 1 gray fox
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UPCOMING EVENTS & HUNTS

TRAPPER'S INSTRUCTION CAMP: On Nov. 10 – 12, 2012 a Certified Trappers Ed Course will be given followed by hands-on trapping activity. Meals & camping available on site. Location: Chino Valley. Hosted by the Southwest Fur Harvesters. Please REGISTER at www.southwestfurharvesters.com Questions call Don Rohla (928) 636-0585.

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

PPCI PICS

					
Foster A. 1 st Called in Fox	Sportsman W Interested Participant	PPCI Gun Gun Raffle Winner!!!	PPCI New Member Initiation	8 Mile hike w/ Eddie Yellow Hand for Bear turned into 16 Mile Hike. Lost 13 LBS, Lots of Bear Trac No Bear!!!	Novice Boot Camp Participant Can you find The DOG?

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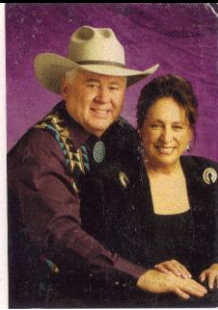
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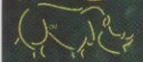
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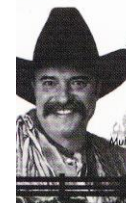
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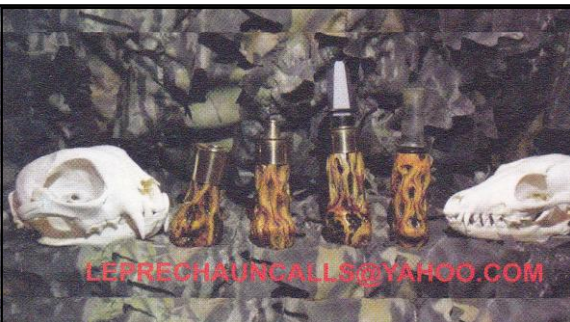


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