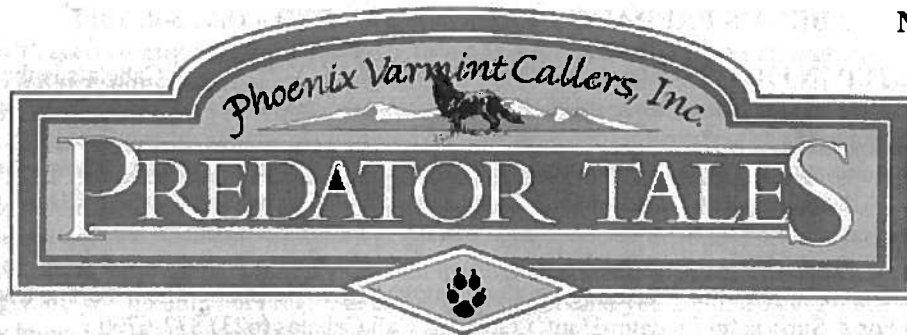


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Presidents Message

In December the predator populations will be at their lowest level to date. Only those that have survived Mother Nature, human and other hunters and the highways still exist. Can a coyote be educated? I think that they can. If you survive one shot, you've earned a Diploma, two shots an Associate's Degree, 3 shots a Bachelor's Degree, etc. By December I believe there are some coyotes running around with PHD's. They have heard the sounds of yours & the electronic calling, smelled our human scent, heard the report of gunfire and sometimes seem to kind of know the game. Can they still be harvested? Of course they can with the right sound or tactic on the right day. Breeding season (February-) is fast approaching and it sometimes will seem like the coyotes have something other than food on their minds. Bobcats breed at all times of the year yet in Arizona, the best bobcat harvesters that I know say they see more pairs of bobcats in December and January than at any other time of the year. The foxes must also breed in January-February. I've seen the mostly developed pups from foxes taken in March. If they have a 63-day gestation period like a coyote, then count back and do the math. It would seem that breeding season (finding a female) and finding an eventual den site would help make you more territorial. Remember this during your hunting forays. There is some good cold-weather fur out there now! Fur is beautiful, utilize the resource!

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

- ***Cabela's will be having a Predator Event Weekend Dec. 3-4 complete with a series of Predator Calling Seminars scheduled for Saturday & Sunday.
- *** The Phoenix Varmint Callers & Cabela's will host the 2011 Arizona State Varmint Calling Championship during this Event on Saturday Dec. 3, 2011 in front of Cabela's. Starting time is 1:00p.m.
- *****FOR THE MOMENT THERE ARE 2 WAYS** to send your stories, etc. to this Newsletter. Send to either jestrang@cox.net or huntresspvci@gmail.com
- *****Porath Game Calls has a new website:** www.porathgamecalls.net phone # (989) 551-1525
- ***It would be nice if more people visited our website at www.pvci.org
Once there why not sign up for the Hunting Forum & chat?
- *** **THE MULTI-CLUB HUNT** is scheduled for JANUARY 21, 2012. Right now it looks like the check-in will be 1 mile south of Hwy 93 on Hwy. 71. Questions call Kelly L. (928) 848-9326



Mory T. & Crystal R.w/fox she called, Mory shot.



New Board Member. Alan F. holds up a double!



Goodbye to one of the Greats Dale F. 1952-2011



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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PREDATORS & PREDATOR CALLING? Well then Cabela's is the place to be on December 3-4, 2011 as they will be having there PREDATOR EVENT WEEKEND. There will be special predator-related deals inside the store plus 4 Predator-Related Seminars on Saturday & Sunday, plus on Saturday Dec. 3rd at 1:00p.m. Cabela's & the Phoenix Varmint Callers will be hosting the Arizona State Varmint Calling Championship. This Contest is open to ALL Arizona residents, so if you have a varmint call and know how to use it, COME ON DOWN! Trophies & the bragging rights of being the State Champion can be yours for the taking.

SATURDAY PREDATOR SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

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

SUNDAY PREDATOR SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

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

THE TRADITION CONTINUES: CABELA'S & PVC I HOST

THE 2011 ARIZONA STATE PREDATOR CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – DEC. 3, 2011

WHEN: Saturday December 3rd, 2011

WHERE: CABELA'S 9380 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale (623) 872-6700

Outside in front of the store.

START TIME: 1:00p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$10

Questions call Dick S.

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

This Will Be Another Great Opportunity 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.

Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Expert and also a Top Novice Award.

Hope to see you there. Sign up early. Contest begins at 1:00p.m.

ARIZONA STATE PREDATOR CALLING CONTEST RULES

1. Calling contest open to Arizona residents only.
2. Points will be total of all the 3 categories on judges score sheet.
3. Judges will give points based on how they feel a predator would respond to contestants' hand calling techniques.
4. Points will run from 1 to 100 for each category of Volume, Realism & Coaxing.
5. **Volume:** based on if predator would be able to hear the calling at a distance if out in the field.
6. **Realism:** Based on how well the caller imitates a distress cry of a Rabbit in distress, in the first round. 2010 Tyler H.
7. **Coaxing,** based on how predator can be brought closer to caller. Volume lower.
8. **Round 1** will be scored on Volume and realism in 35 seconds of calling with a second part of coaxing in 20 seconds.
9. Time keeper will cut off caller and start coaxing within 15 seconds at end of first part.
10. **Round 2** will be freestyle calling using any call or any wildlife distress call or any combination of calls. Scoring based on volume and realism.
11. Total amount of points will be added and posted on score sheet for round 1 and after round 2 (freestyle) both scores will be added to determine the winner.
12. In case of a tie within the first 3 places, a call off will determine the winner of that position.
13. Call off will be freestyle for 25 seconds based on rules in round 2.
14. Judges will not talk to or see any of the contestants' during any part of the contest.
15. Top novice will be selected only between the novice contestants' and not entered in the expert division. Men & woman will compete as equals in novice and expert divisions.



There will be two different categories: Novice (With some exceptions) Those who have not called in the AZ State Calling Contest before. **Expert-** Those who have participated in the AZ State Calling Contest.

CONTEST CALLING TIPS: 1) Have more than 1 call and blow it before the Contest to make sure that it doesn't freeze up. 2) Practice different routines beforehand and if possible record yourself then listen. Do it from a distance also. Do the same with your coaxer. 3) If a coaxer is called for, use a coaxing-type sound. 4) Bring a howler of some type and know how to howl. This may not be required but just in case they ask for it, you want to be prepared.

Well since I haven't received any new hunt stories, I thought I'd retell an old yet exciting story of something that happen to me. I'll retell my mountain lion story.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR – IT JUST MIGHT COME TRUE!

SURPRISES ARE PART OF THIS VARMINT CALLING GAME by Eddie M.

No bones about it, I like this varmint-calling game. It gets you outdoors with nature and enables you to see beautiful scenery and spectacular sunrises and sunsets. You get to hear nature's music from insects, birds and animals plus you get to view many varieties of wildlife. Probably my greatest thrill in calling is watching predators and other wildlife come close...but there is one more aspect that I enjoy, that of anticipating the unknown. Simply put, when you blow into a predator call, no longer are you hunting but rather the tables have turned and you are now being hunted. In most every case you never really know just what you might call in. Surprises are part of this varmint-calling game and during my 12 years (at the time, I have 27 years now) I've had many, many surprises. Coyotes bumping into my leg, foxes jumping over my head, hawks and owls landing like that right next to me, close pissed off doe deer that wanted to stomp anything, a bear coming at a dead run and stopping only 7 steps away, to name just a very few. I am very thankful for these surprise experiences and would not trade them. I now have another surprise to share; one that I thought would never happen to me. Never is a BIG word! I'll tell you what I can.

"Mountain lions don't really exist." "They are just figments of people's imaginations." "I call them ghost cats because though I've seen plenty of tracks & droppings, I've never seen the actual live cat." "Do wish I could call one in though, yeah right." I was talking to fellow club member Will H. at his shop before leaving for unit 29's bear season on Sept. 19th, 1997. I was leaving tomorrow to get there a day early and do some scouting and calling. "I don't know, I've got a funny feeling you might get one," said Will.

The next day, just as I got off of the private property and into the forest boundary, it started to rain. There was thunder & lightning and water everywhere. I was glad that I had a 4-wheel drive vehicle! Driving along I looked at the thick oak-covered hills with the white rocks on top and thought they sure looked good for lions but they were also a long ways up. Soon I found a road that headed part of the way up so I took it. It ended at probably the halfway mark. "Well I can walk the other half," I thought to myself. The rain had quit by now & the sun was out. Quickly I got dressed, loaded the rifle & headed up the hill to call for lion. The plan was to stay on stand 45 minutes. Soon I was near the top of a high & wet oak & pine covered hill in unit 29. There were large expanses of big white rocks all over not far away and all was very quiet.

It happen quick, I'd been calling approx. 10 minutes (start time 5:09 p.m.) doing my version of a bird distress on one of Mitch Cain's Modern Calls bite-down call, when during a short pause, I heard what sounded like leaping feet on the leaves twice. Turning my head to the sound I immediately saw a large cat with its tail in the air, very close (7-8 paces away) bounding towards me! The cat was actually in the air when I first saw it, and then landed. There was NO time to think, by the time the cat sprung into the air again, my mind had identified "MOUNTAIN LION" and I just reacted and shot, BOOM! Down the cat went in a heap, her back to me. She was pawing hard at the leaves and trying desperately to keep running. While she lay struggling it hit me, I had just shot and knocked down a mountain lion, get another shot into it! Then the cat was up and gone. She ran straight downhill and I could hear her crashing through the brush for some seconds afterwards, then all was quiet.

Silently I stood. I wasn't scared, just surprised and kind of down. I was sure the cat was hit but didn't know how well. Sure hoped that I could find it but the way it ran away, well it seemed like it could go a long, long ways. The time was now 5:19 p.m. and the distance from where I sat to where she fell was only 5 paces!

After checking several times to be sure that my rifle had a live bullet in the chamber I followed the cats trail in the wet leaves straight downhill, losing it once but finding it again after retracing my steps. The trail again stopped at the end of a point, the drop-off was about 50 feet down. I went around the drop-off and eventually did find the cat, a female (no cubs) in the prime of her life. She was beautiful, powerful, a definite killing machine and she was mine, truly a highlight for the year! Now that I now that these ghost cats do exist and can be called am I done? Heck no! I'm already planning other lion calling trips or calling trips in lion country. Gotta get me a big tomcat! By the way I didn't see any bears.

Thanks Dale B. for all that you did.



YOUR CLUB IN ACTION!!!

PVCI BOOT CAMP REPORT

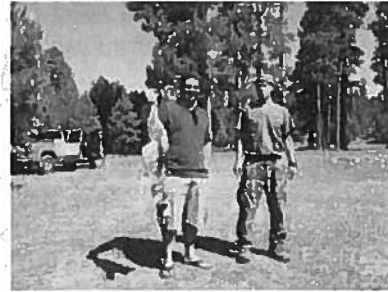
by Ken E.

(This Boot Camp was held in August yet I haven't reported about it yet until now.)

The George Knox Memorial Boot Camp was sparsely attended but still a success. Ray E., Chris A., Ray M., Jerry G., Mark M. and Ken E. were the experts who were there to teach and demonstrate predator-calling techniques. Five novices, all of whom found out about the Camp on the Internet, were given some intense lessons and practical demonstrations during the Saturday classes. All aspects of calling were addressed including camo, calling, stands, guns & ammo choices, scents and actual skinning. Most of the talking was by Ray E. naturally.

After the Saturday seminar, Ray M. shot a coyote called in by novice Garrett at only 13 yards with a shotgun by choice. Jerry G. called in a herd of javelina in 5B South. The only excitement enjoyed by Ken E. was when novice Jessica walked back about a hundred yards to retrieve a javelina skull once the stand was over and somehow ended up back at camp about 4 miles away! A very tense hour of looking and calling for her was no fun before Mark M. drove up with her.

Excellent steak sandwiches cooked by Ray E., along with a Dutch oven upside down pear cake made for a great dinner on Saturday night.



Sunday morning, Ken E. took out novice Damien out to call and shotgunned a coyote at less than 25 yards, on the first stand of course! Then Damien called in a doe that stayed between 5-10 yards from Ken E. for five minutes before moving up and spotting Damien calling 25 yards away. She then snorted and bounded away.

The Camp ended after breakfast cooked by Ray E. Breakfast consisted of a very unhealthy yet great tasting egg, bacon, sausage and potato grill.

P.S. As a ploy to attract more people, there is talk about having this Boot Camp closer to Phoenix in 2012.

SOUTHWEST FUR HARVESTERS REPORT by Steve Craig

(This report taken from Southwestern Fur Harvesters website: <http://swfh.proboards.com>)

Another great Rony this year with another record turnout.

Plus 5 new trappers took the Trapper Ed Course!

Thanks to everyone who attended and a big thank you to all the vendors who came and made this a great event.

CamTrip Cages, Predator Pro Products, Bob Small, Dirk Miller And of course Joy!!!!

A special thanks to all 9 of the USDA people that came and supported this event! It really means a lot.

The Southwest Fur Harvesters also would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to All Predator Calls.com for their generous donations. Thanks to all the Demo people too! And to Joan and Patty for all their hard work!

From all of us: Jim, Donnie, Don, Bob, and Steve

CABELA'S LADIES NIGHT by Eddie M.

PVCI'S #1 goal in the PVCI Handbook is to promote the sport of varmint calling. Recently PVCI had a chance to do

just that when they were invited to participate on what was deemed Ladies Night at Cabela's.

Member Tim M. & I set up a PVCI booth inside the store along with some other outdoor organizations such as the AZ Wild Turkey Federation, Becoming An Outdoors Woman (B.O.W.), etc. This night was advertised in the paper, was held on a weekday and lasted from like 5p.m. to 9 p.m. There were special deals for merchandise along with some raffle giveaways. At the booth we had the banner, some photo albums plus some furs to feel & skulls to look over. The lady traffic was medium light yet the night was still a success as the sport of varmint calling was promoted & some ladies who may not have otherwise heard now know about varmint calling. Thanks Cabela's for the invite, the free meal & the employee discount that evening.



Another opportunity to work a booth is coming up on Dec. 3-4 when Cabela's will host its Predator Event Weekend. PVCI will not only have a booth at the Event but will also be helping to put on a series of 4 seminars on Saturday & Sunday. Also on Saturday at 1:00p.m. outside towards the front of the store, PVCI & Cabela's will host the AZ. State Varmint Calling Championship. This Contest is open to all Arizona residents, so if you have a varmint call and know how to blow it, please come participate! There is a \$10 fee. To volunteer to run a booth call Vice President Ken E. at (602) 392-7699.

REMEMBERING MEMBER DALE F. by Eddie M.

Back in September 2011 PPCI lost a very well known & well-liked member named Dale F. I have heard that he was hunting doves with his grandchildren when he passed. Dale was quite a hunter and quite the member. He didn't miss many Monthly Meetings and almost always sat up towards the front. Dale loved to hunt & was a fierce competitor. He was no stranger to 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in our Monthly Hunts and also won his share of Top Caller and/or Top Shooter & Awards for the year. He also often did well at the Fishing Contest. I put out a request, to have some members say something about their remembrances & experiences with Dale. I apologize to you if you wanted to say something & didn't get the word.

Brett J. – I came home from work today to the worst news anyone can come home too. Today I found out that a very close friend & great hunting companion Dale Fogelson passed away last weekend. He was out with his grandson dove hunting. Dale will be truly missed by myself as well as any club member who has ever had the pleasure of hunting with Dale. He truly had the passion for predator calling as well as many other outdoor pursuits. Dale has a great family and a great passion for them as well. I know that some of you are hearing about this at the meeting tonight. I wish my work did not keep me from being there more often.

Dale was the person that introduced me to PPCI back in 1998 when we were working together and got me hooked on the sport in about a half a second. Rest in peace Dale Fogelson.

Andy G. – Dale your absence is obvious. Always a support to all who met you. What a legacy.

Bruce E. – Sorry that I didn't get a chance to know you.

Ken E. – I knew Dale for several years and tried to hunt with him just to see if I had the stamina to keep up with him.

Mark M. – I never had the chance to hunt with Dale but we had planned on going out together this season. He will be missed

Eddie M. – Dale was a great guy with a great attitude. He loved his family/friends and he loved to hunt. I was fortunate enough to take him & Dave D. on a Novice Hunt in 1997 I believe. I can't remember how many coyotes we harvested but it seems like it was 6. I'm mainly a shotgun guy & the teachings were passed on as Dale usually used a shotgun on most of his predator hunts. He went on to become quite the caller/hunter. I can remember him introducing his son Abe to calling a short time later. Abe has become quite the hunter too. There are a few hunt stories with Dale that come to mind such as the harvesting of the 6 dogs on that Novice Hunt with Dave. We also once harvested 7 coyotes on a December (fur) hunt. Dale's son Abe was along on that hunt. Since it was the "Fur Hunt," ALL the critters had to be skinned so we took the time to skin them even skinning the last 1 or 2 in the rain. Only to get back and get beat by a bobcat (they were 50 points in those days) & 2 coyotes. The thing was that the bobcat wasn't skinned as it was harvested on their last stand, a clear violation of the rules. Well that night new rules were made and the taxidermy receipt thing rule went into effect and we got 2nd place. (Frown) We also shot foxes in the mountains down South with Will H. and I'll probably never forget how mad he was at himself when he brought a rifle to a shotgun stand and missed a bobcat that I'd called in at 20 yards. Yes we shared a few stories. Dale's face will surely be missed, sitting up there towards the front row of practically every PPCI Monthly Meeting. I am so very sorry that I could not make his funeral to say a last good-bye.



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 or 5 for \$20 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 November was a Savage Model 11 in .308 w/a synthetic stock & Bushnell 3-9x40 scope. The Gun for the December Christmas Party will be a Bushmaster Carbon AR-15 w/optics ready & red dot. 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

***** 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. the same place as our regular monthly meetings are held. Start time is 7:00p.m.**

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 29 Various rifle/muzzleloader deer openers in various Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Nov. 5-6 – PVCI Monthly Hunt!!!

Nov. 11 & 18 – Various Jr. Hunt deer & fall javelina openers. Check your Hunt Regs.

TRAPPER'S INSTRUCTION CAMP: On Nov. 11, 12 & 13, 2011 a trapping camp will be held and it will be on all phases of trapping including the use of cage traps. Chauncey Ranch. Bob R. 928-532-5776 or 928-636-0585 for details.

Nov. 18-20 – **Jr. Deer Camps**, Units 42, 20C & 36A & 36B. Check the AZ. Game & Fish Book for more information.

Nov. 25 – Late dove & Mearns quail seasons opens statewide. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

Nov. 25-28 - **Jr. Elk Camps** in Hunt Unit 6A hosted by Outdoor Experience 4 All. For Jr. w/life threatening illness & family. For more information visit www.outdoorexperienceforall.org Food, tips & guidance provided.

Dec. 1 – Most bighorn sheep hunts open statewide. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

Dec. 2-3 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting.

Dec. 3 – Arizona State Varmint Calling Contest at Cabela's in Glendale, AZ. Start time 1:00p.m. Entry fee is \$10!

Dec. 3-4 – **Small Game Hunting Camp** – Hosted by Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Learn to hunt dove, quail & rabbits with outdoor skills, activities, food provided. E-mail: youthoutdoorsunlimited@gmail.com

Dec. 6 - PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2, 7:00p.m. **PVCI Annual Christmas Party/Potluck/Auction.**

Dec. 9-11 – **Cibola's Jr. Waterfowl Hunt**, 5th Annual. Open to Jrs. 11-17. Contact getoutsideaz@gmail.com or Yuma G&F

Dec. 9, 16 – Various rifle, muzzleloader & archery deer openers. Check your Hunt Regs.

Dec. 10 -11 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. Probably a "Fur Hunt" where all critters must be skinned to qualify.

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

Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas!!! Happy Birthday Jesus, the real reason for the season.

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

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

Jan. 1 – Archery javelina, deer season opens in some hunt units. (Check your Hunt Regs.)

Jan. 3, - (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) 7:00p.m. Dick S. talks about Northern & AZ. wolves

Jan. 7-8 – 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 MM-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: AJB, Steven G., Rick J., Riley K., Travis B., Daniel G., Steve G., Robert D., Brewer J., Christopher M., Eric M., Zac D. **WELCOME!!!**

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 243 Members

UPCOMING EVENT:

PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION ON DECEMBER 6, 2011 by Eddie M. (PLEASE BRING YOUR WALLET!!!)

The PVCI Christmas Party will be here before you know it! **Tuesday, December 6, 2011** will be the date; the location is (12851 N. 19th Ave., Lodge #2) our regular Monthly Meeting place, the Christmas Party taking the place of the regular Meeting. 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 that 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.

The PVCI Christmas Party is a major fundraiser for PVCI and Event Organizer, Ruth S. says to BRING YOUR WALLETS as we are going to have some stuff. They have written over 300 different sporting & outdoor organizations asking for donations for this night. PVCI will also take donated items from you (including services, hunts, baked goods, etc.). There should be a good assortment of items. **There will be a general & silent auction & various fun raffles to unload these items.** Don't forget that there is also a Bushmaster AR-15 for the Gun Raffle. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Generally this is also the night that our "Member of the Year & President's Award recipients are named while their family & friends are present.

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

JOHN TONER KNIFE RAFFLE

Among the items for Raffle at the Christmas Party will be this fabulous looking knife/moose antler combination piece by John Toner. Raffle Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 with NO LIMIT on the amount that you may purchase. This will make a wonderful Christmas gift for someone special or for yourself. John says that he will split the proceeds from this Raffle with half going to him and half to the Club on this Fund-Raising evening.



T.J.'S TIDBITS by Terry J.

WARNING, This column is not suitable for human consumption & is inappropriate for people with an I.Q. above eleven. **READ AT YUR OWN RISK!**

Item 1) As we all know, predator calling is not an exact science. Of course there are a few hard and fast rules but there is plenty of room for individual preference and style in many areas of calling. Some callers prefer one call or type of call to all others. Other callers make it a point to master all types of calls and use any or all of them as the mood strikes (Bob B. for instance). Some callers use rifles exclusively, while others prefer shotgun only. Many use either one depending on the situation and a few take both shotgun and rifle to every stand. One area that preference plays a role in is deciding when to shoot. Today we will consider two different strategies. The accomplished Jake J. says that he prefers to take the predator at the earliest opportunity. If the coyote for instance presents a standing shot at 300 yards and he has a good steady rest and is confident of a clean one shot kill, he will go ahead and take the shot.

On the other hand, Ray E. prefers to call the critter in as close as possible. This way he gets in a lot more shooting before the critter gets away. As a side note, it is said that the reason that Ray has such a hard time hitting coyotes may be that incoming objects FREAK HIM OUT! Speculation has it that when Ray was a baby, his parents would strap him in a high chair and feed him grapes with a slingshot.

Item 2) In an effort to generate more interest in the 6-Month Hunt, Hunt Chairman Bob B. has decided to institute a program to recognize the most attractive member of each participating team. Each team will vote for which member of that team will win the honor. In the matter of the team of Bob B. and Terry J. The vote was split with one vote for Bob and one vote for Terry. The tie-breaker was decided in favor of Terry J. by yours truly for obvious reasons and all decisions are final. When asked to comment on winning the title of "Most Attractive Team Member," Terry was quoted as saying, "I'm goood looking." Congrats Terry! All other 6-Month teams are urged to turn in the results of their votes to Hunt Chairman Bob B. as soon as possible.

Item 3) An unreliable source reports that when asked about, "the wig," Brent F. replied, "I don't really mind being bald but I do regret the Dolly Pardon tattoo and I never liked wearing a hat in the house.

Item 4) Rumor has it that member Dick S. is pregnant. When questioned his response was, "Poppy Cock." He is registered at BABY'S R US and the shower is May 32nd.



PVCI FUR PROGRAM by Eddie M.

The raw furs from the pelts that we harvest are a renewable resource that can be utilized either for your own purposes or for sale. PVCI encourages members to skin their harvest & not just waste them in the field. Now the average new member is probably asking what happens if I harvest 10 coyotes & 5 fox this season? What am I going to do with all of these skins? If you are not going to keep them for yourself then one solution is to donate them to the PVCI Fur Program. This Program encourages you to skin & save your pelts. Participation is easy. Simply skin & save all the pelts that you harvest from late October until Fur Prep Day, which could be in Jan., Feb. or March, the PVCI Board making the determination. After skinning, save your pelts by placing them in a one or two gallon Ziploc freezer-type bag (fur side out) & freezing them, then either store & keep them in your own freezer or if you for some reason you are forbidden to do this, then you can do one of 3 things: #1) Bring your frozen pelts inside the Ziploc freezer-type bags to a Monthly Club Meeting and give to one of the drop-off people. #2) Have your skinned pelts ready at check-in on the Sunday nights (please have them skinned before you get to the parking lot) of the Club Hunts and give to a drop-off person. #3) You can also call one of the drop-off people and make arrangements to take your pelts to a certain drop-off point. Our drop-off people so far are Bob B. (602) 769-5019 We could use more. To volunteer to be a drop-off person please let the Hunt Chairman Bob B. know at a Meeting or call (602) 769-5019. To be a volunteer, all that you need is some extra freezer space to be able to store other members fur pelts in. Please be courteous when calling a drop-off person. Please, no very late or very early phone calls. Also, plan on taking your pelts to them.



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

The PVCI Board of Directors will make a determination on whether to sell the furs at the ATA Fur Auction or to get them tanned by a Tannery. Lately we have been sending out the donated pelts to the Tannery. When they come back, we sell the pelts to the Membership & to the public at some of the various shows we go too. Money from the pelts donated to the Club go into the Club's General Fund to help pay for the Club's operating expenses such as rent, insurance, trophies, etc. Interested in learning or helping? Keep an eye out in the Newsletter about when this Fur prep Day will be scheduled.



Happy Anniversary- 7 Yrs
Brandon & Erica K -Oct 2



Happy Anniversary- 4 Yrs
Ron. & Chris M -Nov 27



Happy Anniversary- 1 Yr
Brent & Cindi F -Oct 10



Happy Anniversary- 31 Yrs
Jim & Chris K. -Nov 15



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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ARIZONA MULTI-CLUB PREDATOR HUNT – JANUARY 21, 2012!!!

*****Jan. 21, 2012 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT** – This Hunt pits our Club against the other predator-calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the “BEST” calling club in the state? The Arizona Predator Callers (APC) have ALWAYS been very good competition however last year the Xtreme Predator Callers won for their 1st time ever! PPCI members, **if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one! day!!** PPCI members are allowed to use electronics on this one day. Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin and the matching carcass. Points awarded will be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-10, fox-5. This is a one-day hunt. Only critters harvested on Jan. 21st, 2012 are eligible. The Deadline is 9:00p.m. according to the Hunt Chairman’s watch on Saturday night. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. Saturday night will be disqualified. There will be food & possibly drink served & possibly a Skinning Contest IF there are some willing participants. **PPCI members we really need your help. We did not fare well 2 of the last 3 years but came really close last year. AGAIN if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE hunt this one hunt this one day!!**

P.S. THE CHECK-IN LOCATION FOR 2012 Is: 1 mile south of Hwy 93 on Hwy. 71. Questions call Kelly L. (928) 848-9326

KEEPING RECORDS by Eddie M.

Whether you are just starting out or have been calling for awhile, keeping some form of good records of your harvests can be both an entertaining and potentially valuable addition to your stash of calling gear. Why? In my book the #1 reason would be to honor the animal. If filled out correctly, you could also start seeing trends, like when you are more successful, what your favorite habitat types are, what calls/sounds get the best results, etc. You will probably never forget the first three or so coyotes that you harvest but eventually the memory will fade and unless you have either written down or actually taken a picture you will forget some of these critters.

The easiest way that I have found to keep track is to fill out a pre-printed form. These forms are even more interesting if they have a space(s) for a picture(s). You could also just fill out the form or just jot the details down in a notebook or just keep a photo album. If you really want details & the story with the picture, then the pre-printed forms are the way to go I wish that I had done this throughout my career. I will try to have some of these pre-printed forms for the January Monthly Meeting. I tried then just started doing the photo albums so now I don’t remember all the details. Good Luck

YOU MIGHT BE A VARMINT CALLER IF.....(Author unknown)

-Your dog falls in love with your boots very time you return home from a hunt.
-You know to the minue how long it takes you to drive from your home to your favorite calling spot.
-Your coworkers refuse to carpoolwith you because you practice calling all the way to work.
-Your chiropractor cannot figure out why your neck is always in need of adjustment and you are too embarrassed to tell him it is form carrying a pound of calls on your lanyard all weekend.
-Everything on your Christmas list can be purchased on-line at “Allpredatorcalls.com”. You also get a personalized Christmas card from them.
-When you pass a tree you think, “Man, that would be a good skinning tree!”
-Your dog hides under the bed every time you get your call box out.
-You see a shotgun and immediately check the barrel to see if it will chamber a 3-1/2” shell...if not. it’s CRAP!
-Your handheld GPS is filled with weigh points like: Calling spot #1, Calling Spot , Good Calling Spot #3, etc.
-You see things like salt shakers table legs, sprinkler pipe and imagine how they would sound with a JC products varmint reed shoved in them.
-You are conditioned to say, “Yuma” when anyone asks where you hunt.
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HUNT SCHEDULE 2012

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. 8-9, 2011 PPCI 6-Month Hunt begins (See exceptions) Feb. 11-12, 2012 – Handgun, archery, muzzleloader
Nov. 5-6, 2011 PPCI Club Hunt Optional extra points Hunt.
Dec. 10-11, 2011 PPCI Club (Fur) Hunt Mar. 3-4, 2012 – Antelope Eaters Hunt
Jan. 7-8, 2012 PPCI Club Hunt Mar. 10-11, 2011- PPCI Club (Novice II) Hunt
Jan. 21, 2012 Multi-Club Hunt (see below) Mar. 31, 2012 – 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 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 and to turn in your Proof-of-kills too.

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PPCI MONTHLY HUNT REPORTS

SEPTEMBER (NOVICE) HUNT: This was the 1st Club Hunt of the 2011/2012 season. It's usually really HOT in the deserts (although I think it got wet this year) and blowing like crazy up North and don't forget the full moon. In all 7 teams consisting of 20 people went forth to try their luck. The Total Harvest was: 6 coyotes & 3 foxes.

1st Place: Rich & Tyler H. w/novices 2nd Place: Ray E. & Chris A. w/unknown 3rd Place: Terry J. & Bob B.
Chris & Eric M. Total: 4 coyotes novice – Total: 1 coyote, 2 foxes Total: 1 coy, 1 fox

OCTOBER MONTHLY HUNT: There were 11 teams that went out. The Total Harvest was: 9 coyotes and 3 foxes.

1st Place: Brent F., Jim K. & Jim K. 2nd Place: Craig B., Steve G. & Charles D. 3rd Place: Ray E. & Chris A.
Total : 2 coyotes & 2 foxes Total: 3 coyotes & 1 fox Total: 3 coyotes

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU MISSED: TRAPPER'S INSTRUCTION CAMP: On Nov. 11, 12 & 13, 2011 a trapping camp will be held and it will be on all phases of trapping including the use of cage traps. Chauncey Ranch. Bob R. (928) 532-5776. Ask for details.

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 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.

HUNT PICS



Another of Mory & Crystal w/2nd Fox that she called & Mory shot.



Len W. will be back in AZ. on Thanksgiving weekend



Ivan with a 25 pound Flathead from Pleasant



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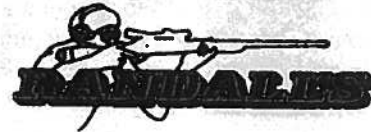
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I would like to ask everyone if they could help me out by sending me some pictures or bring me pictures of recent hunts, club activities, ect..... I would like to put a scrapbook together for the club. The information I would need would be the name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