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Jan-Feb 2019



James S.

Presidents Message!

Let's make 2019 the best year ever! We started out with a great Jan 2019 meeting. Lots of nuggets for stand setup for the hunters from Wayne W, Gary A, Eddie M, Ken E, Craig B, Mark S & Tim L. Go check out the Facebook Page or Group! Don't forget this month is the annual Multi Club Meetup. I was honored to be able to give Dan S. the Presidents' Award and Eddie M. was presented the Member of the Year Award by Steve L. It's amazing how many of our club members give so much to make the club better without expecting anything in return. If you ever wonder how you can get involved, just ask any of the board members. The DVPH hunt is in February, contact Ray K. or Ron H. if you are interested in helping. The website has been upgraded, any questions about it email kirkd@pvci.org. One last thing to think about this year, imagine the impact you could make if you introduced hunting to 1 person this year or mentored just 1 person this year. Happy Hunting & enjoy the outdoors!

THINGS TO KNOW:

****PVCI MEMBERS do set aside Saturday January 19th for the MULTI-CLUB HUNT! This Hunt pits our Club against the other Predator-Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights as to who is the BEST! We had a "Show of Force" & Won last year! If you hunt no other Hunt all year, please hunt this One Day! The check-in location was given at the Jan. Meeting. More info. inside.**

****PVCI holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year.** Club Nominations should be part of each Monthly Meeting until then.

**** Have you ever looked at the CLASSIFIEDS in the back of this Newsletter? There are a whole range of topics. Swimming pool help, realtors, calls, guns, beetles, etc. You get the picture? Take a look!**

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****Listen to Don McDowell 7-9 AM Sunday on AM 1580 the FANATIC! About the Outdoors!**

****To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: coyotecaller@cox.net Share your stories/pictures, tips, recipes, etc. with us. We'd like to read them. These articles don't have to be about predators. Join us on our Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PVCI.org/>**

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**2018 PVCI Presidents
Award Recipient**

**2018 PVCI Member of the
Year Award Recipient**

**Tim & Mark
with Jan Coyote**



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ATTENTION: ALL PPCI MEMBERS NEEDED TO HUNT THE MULTI-CLUB HUNT ON JANUARY 19, 2019

This is a One-Day Hunt. We Had A SHOW OF FORCE & WON last year! Can we do it 2 years in a row? If You Hunt No Other Hunt All Year, PLEASE HUNT THIS ONE DAY!!!

MULTI-CLUB HUNT – JAN. 19, 2019

*****Jan. 19 – MULTI-CLUB HUNT – This Hunt pits our Club against the other Predator Calling Clubs in the state for bragging rights. Who is the “BEST” Varmint Calling Club in the state?** The competition is the Xtreme Predator Callers (XPC). They lost the title last year to PPCI (US)!!! The Arizona Predator Callers (APC) from Mesa are usually Very Good Competition also. Both these teams have the ability to amass a LOT of their members to get out & hunt. I'll bet XPC has almost TOTAL participation! The Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers from Tucson are also invited & back in the early years used to dominate. They are hardly even a factor anymore due to very low member turnout. **PPCI members, we WON last year because we had a Show of Force!!! Our MEMBERS GOT OUT & HUNTED IN NUMBERS. WE CAN WIN THIS HUNT EVERY SINGLE TIME (like we used to) IF WE CAN KEEP IT UP!!! It is only a 1-Day Hunt. PPCI members if you hunt no other hunts this year, PLEASE HUNT THIS ONE DAY!!!** Both hand calls & electronics are allowed. **IMPORTANT: Proof of kill will be the whole critter or the skin & the matching carcass.** Points awarded should be lion-100, bobcat-50, coyote-20, fox & others-10. This is Only a One-Day Hunt! Only critters harvested on Jan 19, 2019 are eligible. **IMPORTANT: PROOF-OF-KILL WILL BE THE WHOLE ANIMAL! IF SKINNED, YOU NEED THE SKIN & MUST ALSO HAVE THE MATCHING CARCASS! The Deadline or time you Must be back by is 9:00p.m. Saturday evening according to the Hunt Chairman's watch. Anything turned in after 9:00p.m. will be disqualified.** There will be food & possibly drink served until it runs out. PPCI members remember, **To Win Again, We Will Really Need All Members To Help! Thanks in advance!**

****IMPORTANT:** The Check-in location Flyer will be available at the January Monthly Meeting on January 2nd. **If you miss this Meeting & need a Flyer or Directions to the Check-In Location, please call Steve L. at (623) 570-1306. Also PLEASE DO NOT POST THE LOCATION ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA SITE.**
P.S. There will be a chance at a .17 HMR to those PPCI Members that show up at the check-in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like for your Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event to show here? Send your info to coyotecaller@cox.net



Happy Birthday Day
Scott B. 70 on Jan 1



Happy Birthday Day
Craig B. 70 on Jan 12



Congrats to Mike & Rebecca F.
married 37 years on Jan. 28th



Congrats to Gary A. M.
& Ginger M. married 21
years on Feb. 28th

PREDATOR CALLING RE-BOOT (HOW DO YOU SPELL FRUSTRATION) by Eddie M.

How do you spell FRUSTRATION? Let me count the ways. Whether you are new to predator calling or have been at it awhile, FRUSTRATION can come in many ways however there is probably no frustration like going out time after time and not calling any critters in period that you know of or worse hearing coyotes & knowing they are in the area, yet they plain flat ignore you. 1) What is the reason? 2) Is it something that I'm doing? 3) Is there anything that I can do to turn things around? Well first let me say this; My #1 Rule when it comes to predator calling is: Rule#1) There are no hard & set rules when it comes to predator calling....and to answer the above questions, 1) not sure exactly, 2) probably and 3) perhaps.

Things have certainly changed in predator calling even since I joined the Club some 30 plus years ago. Predator calling's popularity has just skyrocketed in some areas of the country and the Coyotes in some areas really seem to know when someone is hunting them, even when you are doing the Basics. Call it "Coyote Survival 101 in Today's World." Some members are still bringing some critters in though. Are they doing something different than the Basics? Well maybe and maybe not. We Americans are spoiled rotten compared to many in the world. We have clean water, instant fire, already cooked food, even a military that protects us. Yet many take these facts for granted. Well I am betting that in most instances of a slump in your calling success, that somewhere in your tactics or calling, we may be taking something for granted.

The Coyote is a smart & very adaptable animal that has flourished & spread East despite even the Government being at war with it here & there throughout the years. It doesn't have to have meat to survive like the wolf. They can live on melons, oranges, grasshoppers, mesquite beans, juniper berries. That is adaptable! They say that when the world ends & man is wiped from the earth that there will be 3 critters left. The cockroach, the rat and the coyote!

What could we be taking for granted? I have come up with a short list that includes scouting, body & clothes prep, your approach, your stand set-up, calling sounds & making the shot count. Let's take a look at each. **Scouting ...** The members or teams that we have that consistently do the best have done some pre-season scouting period. They might also do some in-season scouting, regardless it's been done. How many areas have you scouted for predators? Sometimes calling without scouting is like fishing in a fishless pond & your results are probably not going to be good. **Body & Clothes Prep...** Properly cleaned body and clothes can only help in my mind. I don't want to get into the washing and care of your cloth here as you can read that elsewhere. Smoking up is one way to help disguise your smell. Make a fire, when you only have coals left put green vegetation relative to the area on the coals then put your clothes (not your face mask) in the thick smoke. Remove before the flames start. I've heard that you'll smell heavenly of the vegetation that you use. **Your Approach...** This is the one that most of you take for granted over all except pre-season scouting. You are hunting the hunters, predators that kill for a living, critters that have superior noses, sight and hearing. So why do you talk out loud or start coughing when you wake up or have headlamps & flashlights bouncing around when it's still dark and you are going to walk away from the truck for your 1st stand. **Be conscious of the noise that you are making.** Don't bang things around looking for this & that in the morning, do that the night before. When walking in, don't just walk, try to walk quietly. If walking in a noisy section, move to a quieter section. Don't just bust through brush when you can push it aside and walk quietly through. You are hunting critters with wild dog ears and are supposed to be trying to get in undetected. Whisper, load your firearm quietly, etc.. **Imagine for a moment that you are the coyote** that makes a living out there. How many times a month do you here this same scenario? You here a vehicle approaching, that's ok, a lot of vehicles pass by only this time the vehicle stops! You may/may not here footsteps, then there is a period of silence. You howl to make you buddies aware. When here come the distress sounds. 98% of the time it is a rabbit distress. It begins then goes quit, again & quit. You know the routine, so you ignore or go down wind & smell humans, yuck! The sounds stop. You here humans taking & the vehicle leaves. Six hours later, the scenario repeats itself, then five days later again. In between, there are door slams, people talking, hand & electronics distress bunnies, shooting and that stinky humans smell. Some of your buddies are never seen again. Other have had bad experiences & try to pass on **not** to go check certain sounds. The word gets around. Remember that the coyote is a smart & very adaptable animal. **Stand Set-Up:** Set-Up where you can see, preferably with clear shooting lanes. By this I mean have a clear open front view. Sit in front of vegetation not behind and sit in the shadows when you can (let your camo work for you). An elevated position also usually helps as long as you aren't sky lined. **Calling Sounds:** In order for a coyote to come to a call, they have to be completely fooled. It is January & only the survivors are what are left out there. Most have probably heard it all. Many have had close calls from humans. In some cases, the rabbit distress may scare coyotes as they have been conditioned to associate the sound with danger. Other sounds to use, the lip squeak, distress rodents, fawn, cat, bird, something different. I bet that that coyote vocalizations are part of these successfully caller's tricks. Of course, your approach and watching downwind also play into this. **Making the Shot Count: Those that consistently do good Practice, Practice, Practice and know their firearm, period. How often do you Practice?**

JAVELINA CHALLENGE-CALLING

by Eddie M.



Arizona, New Mexico and Texas are blessed with a unique critter called the javelina. For those that do not know the javelina or collared peccary is a pig-like animal that in the U.S. is found in Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. It is considered one of the ten big-game animals found in Arizona. Usually found in herds javelinas are known for their unique musky smell that comes from a gland on their back. The animals can even sometimes be located by their smell. This gland comes off with the skin when the critter is dressed. Javelinas have a very good sense of smell and can also hear very well. Their eyesight, though they can see, is not so good. This makes them a perfect stalking animal. If you can be quiet and keep the wind in your face, you can stalk quite close. This is why they are so popular with the archery, handgun, and muzzleloader crowd. You do not need a rifle to get one though rifle hunting is also popular. The most popular way to get one is to climb to a high vantage point, put your binoculars on a tripod and sit on your butt and glass until you find them. Finding them is usually the hardest part about hunting them although you do still have to make a successful stalk. Another way to be successful is to use a predator call as they will also respond to the sound one way or the other. When responding to a call, the javelina can approach quite close. They seem in most instances to keep coming as long as they hear the sound. Once the sound stops, they often also stop. That is why I like to keep calling until I get them where I want, then stop calling and take the shot, be it with weapon or camera. Approaching the call is one response. The other response is to move away from the call. Although I have seen herds of javelina respond and approach the calling sound from over a mile away there sometimes seems to be about a 50 yard rule. If you spot a herd and they are within 50 yards, when you blow the predator call, here they come! If they are at 51 yards and you blow that same call, there they go! Keep in mind (and this is so true) THERE ARE NO HARD & SET RULES IN PREDATOR CALLING. Now having a herd or individual move away from you is not always a bad thing. I remember a rifle hunt where I glassed up a herd of javelina just 1/3 of the way down from the top of the mountain. By the time I made it up there the herd had bedded down somewhere on the other side of the rocky draw that I was in. Using the predator call, the herd responded not by approaching, instead they reluctantly got out of their beds and moved to go to another area that wasn't so noisy. When a herd strings out the back javelina are usually the ones that are the bigger boars. One of those boars didn't get to make the trip with the rest of the herd. On another hunt, I remember heading straight to the brushy backside of a waterhole that I had seen javelina tracks on the year before. I called that brush and immediately had a big boar javelina come rushing out of the brush getting within 4 steps before turning and disappearing back into the brush a little farther down. The whole episode was so quick that I had no shot. A few minutes later I repositioned myself and called again. This time a herd of javelina came walking out of the brush. I went quiet and waited until the back part of the herd came out and shot a different boar with my .222 Rifle. I am sure that you have noticed that I was using a rifle in the last 2 stories. January 1st begins the archery javelina/deer season in Arizona. I have killed 3 javelina during the archery season. This archery hunt is a good one especially when it is cold. Both the mule deer & the Coues whitetail bucks are rutting now & can often be observed while glassing. January is just too busy for me anymore what with the Club Hunt & the Multi-Club Hunt both being in January then duck season ending on the 27th.

February has both a H.A.M. and Rifle Hunt. On my one pistol kill hunts, former P.V.C.I member Hal L. & I were drawn for Unit 36B. Hal was the 1st one to connect on a long 50 yard plus shot. Mine came later the next day. A herd was spotted, a stalk was made, & I used the predator call to see what would happen. A big boar javelina showed up but he came and once I stopped calling left too fast for me to get a shot. I later stalked (in my sock feet) the same herd and dropped that boar with my 41 Mag. right next to a bee hive. It took me 45 minutes to grab the javelina by the back legs and run down the hill away from the bees. That javelina was probably my largest to date. Using the predator call on javelina can have its uses.



Javelina from Mountain



Javelina from Waterhole



Eddie w/pistol javelina



Hal w/pistol javelina

PVCI 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT by Eddie M.

December 4th was the date for this years PVCI Christmas Party, the Party taking the place of the regular Monthly Meeting. As usual there were plenty of smiles, plenty of food, plenty of Christmas Spirit and also quite a few donated items on the tables. The Entry Fee to get into the Party was at least one can of food or bottle of water which was all donated to the Desert Mission Food Bank. In all Member Gary A.M. reported that we collected 680 lbs. of food and water.

I have always liked how the PVCI Christmas Party draws people out. Members come from out-of-town, wives & girl friends that you don't normally see make an appearance....and often they also bring a favorite dish! Some of these faces and dishes you only see this one time a year. It makes the Christmas Party just that much more special!

Many, many thanks to the Event Organizer Ruth S. She (and her support staff) put in countless hours of planning & collecting and doing what she does and she did a really Good Job!

This is also the night that our "Member of the Year" & "President's Award" recipients are named while their family & friends are present. The 2018 "Member of the Year" (picked by the PVCI Board Committee) was Eddie M. Eddie joined PVCI back in 1985. He has been a Board Member & Corresponding Secretary off and on for many years, run the Club Barbecue and Fishing Contest numerous times & has been the Club's Newsletter Editor for 25 plus years. The 2018 President's Award (picked by the PVCI President) is our Recording Secretary Dan S. Dan has been a PVCI Member for many years & has also been the Recording Secretary in charge of keeping the Club's minutes during both the Monthly & Board Meetings. Both these members are eager to lend a helping hand in Club activities & functions. Both these Club members CONTRIBUTE. They say that in most Clubs, 10% of the people do most of the work. Well these guys are part of that 10%. We could use more like them. By the way, for those that don't know, the President's Award is the Highest PVCI Award.

We can't leave this Page without thanking the Most Important Component, YOU. THANK YOU, PVCI Members for your show of support! Without your support we would get nowhere,





THANK YOU THESE PVC I CHRISTMAS PARTY CONTRIBUTORS!!!

Here is a List of Vendors & Outdoor Companies that said YES & contributed items for our PVC I Christmas Party and the list of members that also donated items. Check the PVC I Facebook page!

Phone Scope
Wildlife Research Center
John Toner
Dan Kells
Tom Henderson
James and Ruth Strang
Jerry Gollubier
Frank Budde
Younique
Havel's
Lee Precision, Inc.
Vortex

Burriss Company
Broadhead Brotherhood
Kirk and Laurie Dunphy
Tombstone Tactical
Elk Society
Chris Allison
Corner Archery
Mory Tait
TCB Tattoo
Daniel and Abby Rosenberg
AZ Body Therapy
Dirty Doe
Lydia Bishop & Adam Rogers

Ducks Unlimited
B & R Metal Work
Redding Reloading Equipment
Blue Rooster Hunting Ranch
Lungile Safaris
Fox Pro
Brent Fisher
Orion Game Calls
Custom Crafty Gift
RR Calls
Crittter Calls
Bad Hair Days
Intech Automotive

*** NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR PVC I OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS*** (ELECTIONS IN APRIL) by Eddie M.

Yes, it is that time of year again, the time when nominations for the PVC I Officers & Board of Directors comes to be. Every PVC I position is annually up for re-election in April except for some of the Board Members. The PVC I Officers & Board Members are the decision-making core of PVC I & besides the duties that each position represents they are also required to attend one extra Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. There is a certain amount of prestige associated with being a Phoenix Varmint Caller Officer or Board Member & you will go down in history as having been elected. The PVC I Presidents especially not only have a place in history but there can also be some FAME that goes along with the position. This is after all a fine Club that is known. If you would like to nominate someone, anyone to be elected into this "Special Group" please do feel free to do so when the nominations are opened at the next few Club Meetings. **You are of course more than welcome to also nominate yourself.** Here is a brief breakdown of the positions:

President: The Head Honcho, the Main Man. Responsible for running both the regular club meeting & the Board of Directors Meeting & shall direct the activities of this Club.

Vice-President: Assist the President in running meetings & business, also in charge of meetings if President absent.

Corresponding Secretary: Responsible for all club correspondence with the outside, the press, the other clubs, etc. He shall keep a complete file of this correspondence. Also presents documents prior to mailing for Officer & Board approval & submit proof of all mailings. This person needs to have some PVC I letterhead in his possession. This person assumes the President's position in case of emergency or the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

Recording Secretary: Accurately records all club minutes at both the regular and board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date and place and time of the meeting, a list of the officers and directors present plus any motions or amendments. Keeps this record in a safe place and is able to furnish past minutes if needed. **Treasurer:** Receives all dues and other funds coming into this club then deposits them to this club's account immediately upon receipt. Keeps accurate records of all receipts and disbursements and is able to render an annual financial statement. Also prepares a monthly report that is entered into the club's minutes during the meetings. The Treasurer keeps the Club's checkbook &

he/she pays all the bills incurred by the Club including rent, trophies, locker, mailbox, etc. & responsible for the club's non-profit status & records. The President, Vice-P. & Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks, two signatures being required. **Board of Director Member(s):** Must be able to attend two (2) meetings per month, the regular and the board. Votes on issues discussed at board meetings. Also helps in planning and organizing club events, helps decide on the direction of the club and usually chairs at least one committee for the major club events. The Board of Directors is a 3-year term. All of the 5 officer positions are 1-year terms.

I tried to be as short & through as I could. Hopefully I didn't get anything too wrong. To view a complete list of Officer & Board of Director Duties, look at your Club Handbook located on PPCI Website <http://www.ppci.org>

. ***** NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** to stay a PPCI Member! On Jan. 1st, 2018 the PPCI Officers & Board decided to do away with the hard copy Newsletter & go to an on-line only issue. To receive an e-mail Newsletter, you **MUST** send your info to ppcigroup@yahoo.com Once you receive the E-Mail copy you will be notified by E-Mail when your Membership is due. Please submit proper payment to keep your Membership current. The fee to renew remains \$25 and should be made payable to PPCI. Send payment to PPCI c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. For new members the fee is \$35, and forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Contact Ruth S. 602-524-3586. PPCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 172 PPCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Tom H & Frank B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1 – Daylong Shooting Hours for Coyotes open in many Hunt Units. Bighorn Sheep Season opens. Check Hunt Regs.
Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas to ALL! Happy Birthday Jesus!!!
Dec. 31 – All Bear & Crow Seasons & most Squirrel Seasons end. Check your Hunt Regs.
Jan. 1 – Happy New Year! Year 2019! Archery Deer & Javelina Seasons open many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
Jan. 2 - This is the 1st Wednesday. **(PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.**
Jan. 5-6 – **PPCI Monthly Hunt.**
Jan. 6 - Late Dove Season closes statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.
Jan. 13 – Mountain Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season closes.
Jan. 15 – Deadline for Paper Applications on the Arizona Elk & Antelope Fall 2019. 7:00 PM cut-off!
Jan. 16 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. **PPCI Board of Directors Meeting, Barro's Pizza, 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy Phx. 7:00p.m.**
Jan. 19 - **MULTI-CLUB HUNT**, pits our Calling Club against the other Calling Clubs in the state! For check-in location info call Steve L. (623)-570-1306 Do Not put location on social media. If you hunt no other hunt this year, hunt this one day!
Jan. 24-27 – Arizona Predator Callers (APC) Junior Javelina/Predator/Small Game Camp. Call or e-mail to volunteer with Kara Jensen at Kara.Jensen.Az@gmail.com 602-309-2517
Jan. 25 - Feb. 3rd – Youth Only Spring Javelina Season is open in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
Jan. 27 – Desert Zone Duck, Scaup & Goose Season closes.
Feb. 6 - This is the 1st Wednesday. **(PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.**
Feb. 8-9 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Yuma. 9140 E. 28th Street, Yuma, AZ. 85365 Phone(928)342-0091.
Feb. 8 – 18 - Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (H.A.M.) Javelina Season Opens in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
Feb. 9-10 – PPCI Monthly Hunt. The Handgun, Archery, and Muzzleloader (H.A.M.)/Optional Rifle & Shotgun Hunt! Rifles & shotguns are still allowed however Extra points given to those that kill with a Handgun, Archery or Muzzleloader.
Feb. 10 – Quail Season Ends statewide, Check your Hunt Regs.
Feb.12 – Deadline for the On-Line Big-Game Applications for AZ Elk & Antelope. Must be in by 11:59p.m.
Feb. 20 -This is the 3rd Wednesday. **PPCI Board of Directors Meeting, Barro's Pizza, 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy Phx. 7:00p.m.**
Feb. 22-28 – General Javelina Season Opens in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
Mar. 6 - This is the 1st Wednesday. **(PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.**
Mar 9-10 – **PPCI Monthly Hunt.** Last Organized Hunt for 2018-2019 Season. Possibility this could be a Novice II Hunt??
Mar. 29-30 - Arizona Game & Fish Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Range.

PPCI MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for January will be a 12 ga. Mossberg 500 shotgun, camo-covered, turkey-model, 2-3/4" and 3"
The Gun for February is. Mossberg Patriot 22" bbl 6.5 creedmoor / Matte blue synthetic stock

*****Members we have said this before however it bears repeating; go to the various Club Meetings & Club Functions. Just by you being there you are helping yourself as you get to know the other members & they get to know you. Be around the campfires at night, listen to the stories and tell some of your own. In doing this you are building relationships. Volunteer to do something & you really can put a star by your name on your calling career sheet! Also bring your wife, family, friends to these Events so that they can make friends. Don't forget to practice on your own & you simply must expect to do some hunting on your own. Then you can go where you want and do/try what you want. In fact, if you really want your kill numbers to go up then you have to do some calling/killing on your own. Enjoy your predator calling career, true adventure is waiting for you and.....Every Stand Has The Potential For Something Unforgettable To Happen!!!**



*****FUR PREP DAY ANYONE???**

Is there any interest in having a Fur Prep Day during February or March??!!?

If so then we need a place (someone's home) and a good date to be able to do this. There are more than a few guys in the Club that have furs in their freezer that they would like to take care of. Many of these furs they either want to donate to the Club or they are holding for the Club for what used to be the Fur Program. The Fur Program was established years ago because not all of those who hunt (both woman and man) can put their skinned furs in their own freezers. Thus, a Program was established where certain PPCI Members would keep these Members furs and their own. Then on a certain day we would all meet over someone's home and all put up the fur together (Fur Prep Day). The donated furs are prepared for the Tannery and the finished tanned furs are then offered for sale to the members with those that helped on Fur Prep Day receiving a small discount for their efforts. This is a GREAT LEARNING DAY for those that want to learn to Flesh, Sew and Put up Fur on the Stretches! For those offering up their home, this is usually a one-day, all-day Event. There needs to be room on the street to park and we will clean up your back yard, etc. afterwards. Members think about hosting this Event. It has been a few years since we've done this and there is Always Lots Of Interest!!! The money from the donated furs goes to PPCI to help in their expenses. You can of course also mark your furs (usually with a colored zip tie through the eye) and buy back what you want to keep at the discounted (Fur Prep Day-I-Helped) price.

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOOR EXPO – MARCH 30-31, 2019

This year's Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoors Expo will be held on March 30-31, 2019 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility just west of I-17 on the Carefree Highway in Phoenix. This Event will transform the Shooting Facility into the largest hands-on Outdoor Expo in Arizona with outdoor fun and adventure for the entire family!

Admission & parking to the Event will be totally FREE! You will have a unique opportunity to test pistols, rifles & shotguns & archery equipment on the range plus talk to the manufacturer's reps. Shooters can also learn more about competitive shooting & enjoy some of the specialty ranges not normally open to the public. There will be demonstrations on speed shooting and skeet shooting plus they will have many workshops & exhibition booths displaying the shooting, hunting & fishing sports. You can also test drive the latest ATV's and don't forget the catch & release fish tank. PPCI will have a booth at this event. Volunteers are needed to promote the sport of varmint calling. This Event attracts over 10,000 people each year with over 100 exhibitors. The hours of operation will be Saturday from 9:00A.M to 5:00P.M. and Sunday from 9:00A.M. to 4:00P.M. For more information about this weekend, visit www.azgfd.gov/expo

BLAST FROM THE PAST

ANOTHER HUNT TO REMEMBER!!! by Eddie M.

Success can be measured in many ways, which is why it is different for different people. For some, just being out there is enough & this is true in some respects. However we were going on a Monthly Scramble or Club Hunt where we were competing against others & we needed to harvest something to be successful. Otherwise I'm sorry, (who are you trying to fool?) we just wouldn't be successful unless we did. Listening to the weather forecast, we chose the desert to hunt.



The hunters were Ken E., Donnie V. and myself Eddie M. Friday evening found us gathering wood for a fire, preparing the places where we were going to sleep (Ken and I on the ground, Donnie on a cot, brrrr) & all getting ready Now for the hunt tomorrow morning. The idea was to be banging around now so that we didn't have to do it in the morning & the next morning it pretty much worked out. After quickly turning off the alarm clock, I dressed & quietly woke the others. Many callers say something out loud when you wake them. Why do you do that? We are hunting critters with dog-ear hearing. The idea is to roll out of bed, get dressed, grab your shotgun & quietly walk out to do a stand. Human voices talking, opening noisy coolers, banging around trying to find clothing or calls or digging out your ammo, closing doors repeatedly as you get items from the truck, noisily loading your AR or shotgun, etc., these noises are just not needed. Come on, we are trying to be quiet. Shucks I don't even like the lights inside the vehicle or worse on your head, in your hand or worse of all on top of the truck being turned on. How far out do these lights shine? Usually the critters already know that we are there. What we don't want them to know is that we are up & about, do we? Well we were pretty good; the only crimes against quietness were that both said something out loud when awakened & only one person had to search for one forgotten item.

Since Ken drove he got to call the very desirable "1st stand of the morning." After walking a ways we were set-up & Ken was calling. He called & had some quiet time, then called some more & had more quiet time, then called some more. I'd say a good 15 minutes went by, I'm watching the downwind when BOOM, followed by another BOOM & I think at least one more BOOM, the silence was broken! Ken had called in a coyote that had become fixated on his feathers decoy. He had knocked the coyote down & every time it moved after that, had sent another shot its way. Harvesting something on the 1st stand is usually a very welcomed event!!! We thanked God, accepted the gift & kept hunting. Let's do it again!

Donnie was the next person to call in a critter. It was in the vicinity of where he and Ken had called and missed a fox the month before. The country was steep up & down brushy canyon country with lots of rock. Perfect for foxes & maybe even a bobcat. Donnie hadn't been calling too long when the sounds of the call were replaced with a single BOOM from his shotgun! He had seen the gray fox come from up high across the canyon. It came on & disappeared into the canyon bottom. The next time Donnie saw the fox, its face & shoulders were peering at him through the brush, close. The shotgun blast knocked the fox all the way back down to the bottom of the canyon. I volunteered to go down and retrieve the critter.

According to the pictures Donnie called & I harvested the next gray fox however I cannot remember the circumstances? That was Saturday's harvest, 1 coyote & 2 foxes. We skinned all the critters, Donnie skinning the last fox by lantern light.

Sunday found us up early, both guys saying something out loud when awakened again (smile). Nope take that back, Ken was already awake. We dressed, whispered about where we had heard the coyotes howling during the night, checked the wind & walked out to make a stand. The way the turn taking went Ken once again called the 1st stand. He used his Psycho Tweety to eventually call in & drop a coyote. Later that morning next to some farm country I called in a coyote that Ken shot from his ladder. The last coyote was harvested in the evening, Donnie calling & yours truly dropping it with a single shotgun shot! We ended the hunt with 4 coyotes & 2 gray foxes, enough for 3rd Place in the competition. 1st & 2nd had 8 critters each. **If you are a member & not hunting with others in the Club Hunts, you are missing out on some fun times!**



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(Club) Hunt

JANUARY CLUB HUNT by Mark S.

This season is going by really quickly, only 2 more Club Hunts after this! Tim and I saved this area for January due to it being one of our best Bobcat spots and we wanted the fur to be prime! Forecast showed a bit of rain mainly overnight on Saturday...so we headed to our spot in search of cats! The trip ended up being pretty slow going as far as numbers of predators called in but was a great time in the end! I'll recap the 4 stands where we had animals respond.

The third stand of Saturday had us calling some slightly broken country in the flats. Tim was calling down in a cut and I was posted back behind overlooking the area with my AR-15. He ran through a few distress sounds and around the 10 minute mark I saw a Coyote come from our left and he was headed to a small ridge that would allow it to see the source of the sound. Just before it was getting to Tim's angle, I moved sticks and woofed the Coyote to a stop. The well placed 55gr Spire Point made the Coyote spin and he ran about 60 yards before expiring. I was able to watch the round hit just above the front leg, a double lung shot. He was your average sized desert male at about 23lbs.

We had 2 more dry stands and the last one put us near a tank and the confluence of a few washes. With nothing showing we decided to walk in further and call another stand. This area is always loaded with Bobcat sign, so we had to give it another call. We crossed the main wash and posted up 50 yards up on the flats. With the sun to our backs Tim sat behind me to gain a different perspective and it paid off big time! I focused to my left and began calling. I worked through bird distress and different rabbit distress sounds, even mixed in some Coyote yelps. Right around 20 minutes in I hear Tim lip squeak a couple times! I very slowly scanned my area and came up with nothing moving! Knowing that it had to be a cat I just froze in place and got back on the call. After a few minutes with Tim not shooting and not seeing anything myself I turned slowly and saw Tim standing up. He motioned that there was something in the tiny depression of a wash next to me. I SLOWLY turned and stood up as Tim advanced and all of a sudden, a Bobcat sprung up just feet away and made a mad dash for the thicket! Tim ran a wide circle in hopes of giving me a shot and I began squeezing off rounds of Winchester Varmint X BB's as I saw the flashes of the cat through the brush. Just as I would shoot I would lose sight of the cat and then it would reappear a few bushes over running at full tilt! My very last shot before it was going into thick cover connected and I slowed it down enough for Tim to catch up and put the finishing round into the head with his .22 pistol. What a stand! Tim explained that the cat just slowly walked all the way in from my right side all the way across the flats and tucked into the wash just to my side where it disappeared from his view. In the end that cat ended up just 10 steps from me without me ever seeing it.

We did a bunch of dry stands the rest of the day and only had luck on the second to last one. We were driving to get to a cluster of tanks in hopes of calling something out but on the way there was a very fresh pile of scat in the road so we stopped and made a stand. It was in the middle of 2 small washes that had fairly thick cover in points. I set the e-caller out West of us on a dead tree upwind about 40 yards. Tim posted up on a ladder watching South and I stood watching the North side. I started with a rabbit distress loud and proud trying a new sequence due to the lack of luck during the past few hours. Within 3 minutes Tim's gun sounds off and it is met with a loud crack on an animal! He whispered to me that it was a Bobcat and I couldn't believe it! We kept calling but couldn't get anything else to show. That cat had to have been already walking in that section we setup in as Tim said he watched her just walk in from the direction of the wash on his side very similar to the other cat earlier in the day.



We spent the night in a tent, and it rained most of the night. The next morning, we made our way to a spot where we have had good success with Coyotes in the past and hiked in before shooting light. Due to it being dark we misjudged the stand location and found ourselves about a half mile off. We made the best of it and hiked in a bit more for a better view on that stand. We sat up about halfway on a big hill to gain a good vantage, both armed with rifles. Tim sat just a bit higher than me to have a different perspective and I began calling. I called for quite a while before the Coyote showed up almost downwind. Tim and I saw his movement at about the same time, and we moved to get on him. I didn't know he saw it since he was up above me. As I moved the Coyote looked up at us and paused. I got the scope zoomed and the crosshairs settled as quick as possible thinking it was going to turn and run. To my surprise the Coyote started coming towards us again and when I attempted to stop the Coyote it didn't work. I simply followed the walking Coyote and with it coming right towards us at 100 yards I let a round fly just under the muzzle of the critter. It met its mark and the Coyote simply tipped over in place!



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Jan. 15-Javelina Hunt Seminar: Free seminar on hunting javelina covering, tips, tactics, scouting, calling, field care, more. Gun Raffle, other raffles, door prizes, refreshments, doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminar begins 7:00pm. Non-Perishable food item Raffle (1 ticket per item) Free-Limited seating. Location: Calvary Community Church 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phx. Host: Christian Hunters of America. Info: David , davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org 602-309-3430

Jan. 24-27- Beginners Small Game & Youth Javelina Camp APC: Learn from Experienced hunters how to hunt jackrabbits, quail & predators (all ages) plus javelina for youth w/37B permit-tags. Seminars, in-field instruction & Meals provided. Location: Oracle Jct. Area Unit 37B. Host: AZ. Predator Callers, Red Bear Outfitters, Quail Forever, AZ Point Dog Club. Register Kara Jensen at Kara.Jensen.Az@gmail.com 602-309-2517, AzPredatorCallers.com/Youth-Javelina-Camp.

Jan. 24-27 – 20C Youth, Javelina, Small Game & Predator Camp YOU – Free Camp supporting units 20C, 18B & 16A to assist w/hunting javelina, small game & predators for beginners. Other outdoor activities, campout & food provided, some mentoring available. Location: Hillside/Date Creek Rd. area serves Units 20C, 18B & 16A. Host: Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Jan. 25-27 - Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deluxe Camp: Workshop for adult women (18 & older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in fun environment. Includes sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, others. Classes in day, evening's entertainment, fun. Fee Required, includes meals & lodging. Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa. Host: AZ. Wildlife Federation. Info: www.azwildlife.org click on Education/BOW. Register: awf@azwildlife.org or call 480-644-0077.

Feb. 21-24 – Mentored Javelina Hunt Camp CHA: Camp for new javelina hunters both kids & adults. Attendees must have their own camp & hunt gear, proper license & tag. Parent, guardian able to hunt must be w/kids under 18. Registration required, space & mentors limited. Location: Cordes Junction Area Units 19A, 20A, 20B, 21. Host: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society, **Phoenix Varmint Callers**. Register: David, davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org 602-309-3430.

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NOVEMBER CLUB HUNT: This is the month when the Rifle Deer & Elk Hunts go into full swing! I cannot remember the weather conditions? All total 4 teams consisting of 9 people signed up & ventured forth. The Total kill was 10 coyotes. Results were as follows:

1st Place: Craig B., Wayne W.
Total: 8 coyotes



2nd Place: Mark S., Tim L., Nathan S.
Total: 2 coyotes



DECEMBER CLUB HUNT: The weather for this Hunt was Lots of rain in a lot of places on Friday & some early Saturday. Bighorn Sheep and the late elk seasons are also going on. There were 5 teams consisting of 12 people that signed up for the Hunt. The Total kill was 6 coyotes and 5 Foxes. Results were as follows:



1st Place: Mark S., Tim L
Total: 5 Foxes, 1 coyote



2nd Place: Ken E., Chris C.
Total: 2 coyotes



3rd Place: Tim N., Sean Y., Ian D.
Total: 1 coyote

**** OTHER HUNT OPPURTUNITIES:** March 2 & 3 Seligman AZ. Mohave Sportsman Club Antelope Eaters Hunt
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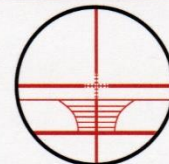
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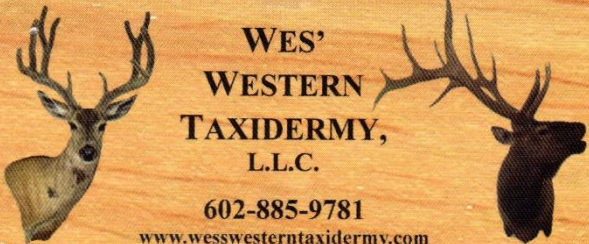
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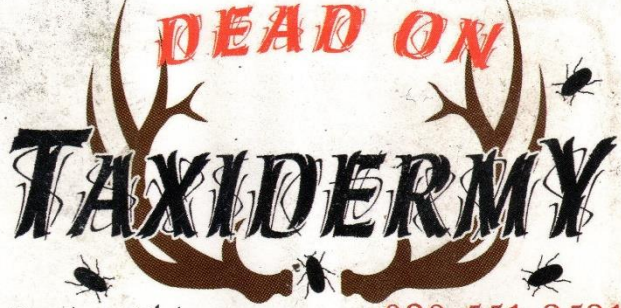
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