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March-April 2019



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### Presidents Message!

Thanks for all the support over the last 2 years! It's been an honor and a privilege to be able to represent the club along with the other Officers, Board Members and Club Members. Remember OUR CLUB **PVCI** is only as good as our members. We are an all-volunteer organization. If you have a passion to make the Club better, join in and give a helping hand. We do appreciate everyone's help. As I leave office in April, just know that I am proud to be part of **PVCI**. I can only hope we as Sportsmen can set our differences aside and join together as one group United to keep our hunting heritage intact. We need to present our harvest with honor and respect. Become a mentor and bring one person along this year and our membership will double. We have a bright future ahead, make sure you are part of it.

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- \*\*The last official Club Hunt of the 2018/2019 season will be the March 9/10, 2019 Club Hunt.
  - \*\* **WE ARE HAVING A FUR PREP DAY!!! MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> is the date.** We will have a flyer with the location at the March Monthly Meeting. More information inside.
  - \*\***PVCI holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year.** Club Nominations should be part of each Monthly Meeting until then. All Members do consider becoming a **PVCI** Board Member or Officer.
  - \*\* The **PVCI** 6-Month Hunt will cease at the beginning of the April Monthly Meeting. Turn in all proof by 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!**
  - \*\*To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto: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 Members  
After the Hunt



Steve Cooking Food at  
the Multi Club Hunt



Members telling Stories  
around the Camp Fire

Pictures by Dan S. & Kirk D.



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**\*\*\* NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW FOR PPCI OFFICERS & BOARD of DIRECTORS\*\*\***  
**(ELECTIONS IN APRIL)**

by Eddie M.

Yes, it is that time of year again, the time when nominations for the PPCI Officers & Board of Directors comes to be. Every PPCI position is annually up for re-election in April except for some of the Board Members. The PPCI Officers & Board Members are the decision-making core of PPCI & 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 PPCI 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 PPCI 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.

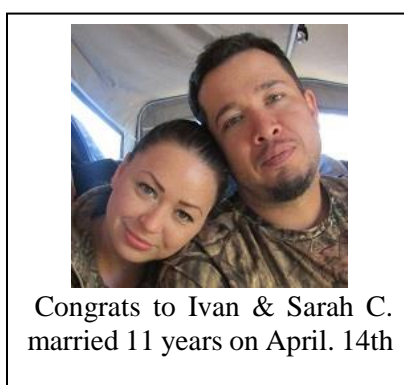
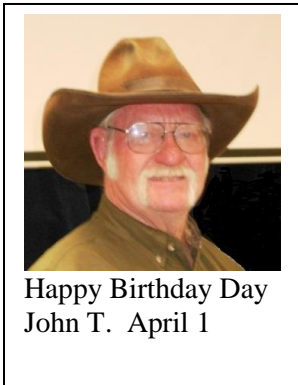
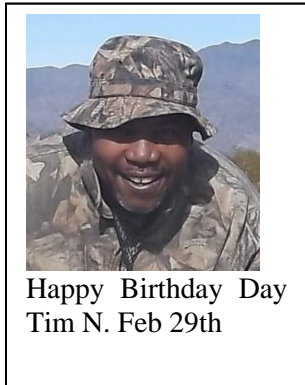
**Recording Secretary:** Accurately records all club minutes at both the regular and board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date and place and time of the meeting, a list of the officers and directors present plus any motions or amendments. Keeps this record in 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 can render an annual financial statement. Also prepares a monthly report that is entered into the club's minutes during the meetings. The Treasurer keeps the Club's checkbook and he/she pays all the bills incurred by the Club including rent, trophies, locker, mailbox, etc. and responsible for the club's non-profit status and records. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks, two (2) signatures being required.

**Board of Director Member(s):** Must be able to attend two (2) meetings per month, the regular and the board. 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. To view a complete list of Officer & Board of Director Duties, look at your Club Handbook located on PPCI Website <http://www.ppci.org>**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**Would you like for your Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event to show here? Send your info to [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto:coyotecaller@cox.net)**

# **PISTOL HUNT MANIA!!!**

**PISTOLS truly do S\_\_K!!!**

by the late Dale F.

\*\*\*This story is from the March 2000 Predator Tales and was written by one of our beloved members Dale F. There was a time when the February Club Hunt was traditionally a Pistol/Archery ONLY Hunt! Dale is in heaven now. This is his story.

Looking back now it seems hard to believe that anything even happened to us. Yet sadly happen it did and as I recall the events of the day, all I can do is sigh, slowly put my head in my hands and silently weep while asking myself, "Why did this have to be a pistol hunt?"

Hi, my name is Dale F. & the tale I'm about to tell is sadly true & happen on the February 2000 PPCI Club Hunt that myself & son/hunt partner Abe took part in. This February Hunt is generally the most difficult hunt of the year for PPCI members. Often of all those that participate only one total critter is turned in! The reason for this is not because critters aren't called in. On the contrary, February is probably one of your better months to call in critters, especially coyotes. Since February is the breeding month for the coyote the animals are seeking each other out & often multiples will be called to the stand.

The reason for the low harvest is that in order to harvest an animal you must dispatch it. This is a feat that is often not even easy with a shotgun or rifle. Well long ago someone, somewhere, thought it might be fun (what were they thinking?) to handicap ourselves and have a hunt where only pistols and archery equipment were used. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending upon whether or not you are a coyote, February has been that month for the last few years.

How good can February be? We have all heard the stories of woe where teams called in critter after critter only to miss and miss again with their sidearms. If only we had had our rifles or shotguns! Pistols S\_\_K! The most famous of these stories during recent times is probably the 1997 hunt where the team of Jim C., Greg B., and Eddie M. called in 25 (it was 27) coyotes in one weekend, some very close and came home with nothing!! Well guess what, I've got a story to add to it.

As mentioned, we could only hunt one day. We figured we had a good chance to do something since only one critter will often do you good. Abe called the first 2 stands getting nothing on the first. On the second stand a coyote did show up in about 2 minutes but Abe missed him. Saying that his lips were sore, I called the next stand. Forty-five seconds into the stand, not 1, not 2 but 3 coyotes came racing in headed right towards Abe! At about 20 yards the shots started flying and all 3 coyotes kept going! (Already we were wishing for our long weapons, if only we'd had them).

The next 3 stands also produced coyotes, a double on the first one and two consecutive singles on the next two! All were shot at, all were missed by both of us and now things were really getting frustrated! So far, all the coyotes had come running in HARD! All had also shown up quickly with 2-1/2 minutes being the longest response time! Yet they wouldn't stand still! It is one thing to hit a still or standing target with a pistol and quite another to hit a rapidly incoming or outgoing target that is bouncing all over the place and that can REALLY MOVE when they figure out that they are not really being invited to dinner but rather that it's a trap!

Around 10:00a.m. or 10:30a.m. I was sitting in a wash calling & caught a glimpse of a short-tailed critter that was too small to be a coyote about 80 yards out & on my right. As I continued to call, Abe took a 30-yard shot at a coyote that was coming on the left side of this wash. He didn't know about the bobcat. The coyote he shot at had only been 30 yards away, easy pickings with a shotgun but we had these handicap weapons called pistols! Why, Oh Why does this have to be a pistol hunt?

About noon we set-up with our backs pointing towards where we had just parked the truck and walked in. Why no coyote would come from that direction. Well someone forgot to tell the coyote as it did come from that direction and ran in behind and then between the two of us. I know that 4 or 5 shots were fired once it got clear, but it kept on going too!

Then there was the coyote that Abe called in that came in galloping in less than 1 minute! Three shots were taken, all missed. Abe kept calling and a kit fox appeared which kept walking in circles under this bush approx. 70 yards out. I finally took a shot and knocked a branch off the bush. The fox stayed. My second shot hit dirt close causing the fox to finally leave. Later while I napped, Abe went out and tried for a fox on his own but had no luck. It was getting warm!

On another stand Abe is calling again and another kit fox shows up under a bush at about 70 yards. My 1<sup>st</sup> shot hit the front leg causing the confused fox to run right at me. At 50 yards I shot again and hit the back leg. After a short chase in the heavy brush and one more shot, we finally had something to show for our efforts.

Did I mention the two hikers or ranchers (people) that came sneaking in on one of the stands until they saw Abe. They asked questions and said that we sure had fooled them.

We left for home at 4:00p.m. It just got too HOT! What a day though! All total we had called in 11 coyotes, 2 foxes and 1 bobcat and had fired 44 shots with our pistols harvesting only one kit fox! Think I have got to agree with the statements made by PPCI members Jim C., Greg B, and Eddie M. which goes like this, PISTOLS truly do S\_\_K!!!



## Feb 18<sup>th</sup> WILD IN THE CITY REPORT

by Eddie M.

The purpose or theme of Wild in the City is to introduce city youth ages 6-16 to the wonders of the outdoors plus show them some of the many fun things that you can do while out there! The Arizona Elk Society (AES) is the main sponsor with volunteers from AES and many other Outdoor Clubs & Organizations also on hand to help teach class, lead & organize groups, cook food, etc. The Ben Avery Shooting Range was the location for the Event with many activities centered around one of the good-sized buildings there. PPCI Member Ricardo G. came to one of the PPCI Board Meetings and volunteered to be the lead when the President asked for Wild in the City volunteers. Ricardo, his son Ricardo Jr., daughter Jasmine, member Tommy M and I, Eddie M were given the Wildlife Identification segment of the Event. Other segments were track identification & cast making, gold panning, metal detecting, archery, learning about horses, making survival bracelets and much, much more. We had 3 or 4 classes of kids. I became the main speaker and with the team of Ricardo & family believe that we did okay. I believe that I speak for the whole group when I say that this was a very rewarding experience. We were more than glad to help AES. By the way, our PPCI Recording Secretary, Dan S. has normally been the speaker here the last few years however he was helping out at the Veterans Hunt that was also going on that weekend.



## Disabled Veterans Predator Hunt

By Ronald H.

On February 1st through the 3rd, PPCI hosted three veterans for a DVPH hunt. Everyone checked in on Friday and everyone was fed that night. The coyotes were annoyed with us Friday night and barked and howled at us south of our campsite. I guess we were invading their space. Preparations were made for teams to go out early on Saturday morning with sandwiches and drinks. We sat around the campfire for a while and then we turned in for the night. After the teams left Saturday morning to hunt the coyotes started barking at us from across the road to the north of our camp. A few teams called in some predators but only one coyote was harvested. Chris A did a good job of calling in some free-range cattle. Everyone was fed an evening meal of smoked pulled pork, beans and cobbler. After the meal a tribute was given to Chris Kyle with a moment of silence to honor him for his service to our country. We sat around the campfire and then turned in. We awoke to a deluge on Sunday morning and changed plans for trying to hunt early Sunday. We had to pack up in the rain. It was a chore but we completed the task. Several vehicles had to be pushed or towed out of the mud. You can see the pictures on our Facebook page. The mud and mess had to be cleaned up later and the club trailer cleaned out and everything put back in order.

Ray K and I would like to thank everyone who came out to help. Bob B and Brent F led one team; Jerry G and Dan S led a second team and Ken E and Reed W led the third team. Reed W is a new member and was a hosted veteran at the previous DVPH hunt. Many thanks to Chris A for doing most of the cooking. We also want to thank Jenny R, James S, Ruth S and Hawk for their help. Thanks go out to PPCI, Ducks Unlimited, Arizona Elk Society and Dan S for their donations of items presented to the Veterans.

This is a great event to meet some of the veterans who have given so much to our country to protect us and save our freedoms. You can hear what these men and women have been through and how much they have sacrificed for us. Consider volunteering for one of the future hunts.





# KARA'S JAVELINA/PREDATOR/SMALL GAME CAMP

by Eddie M.

This Javelina/Predator/Small Game Camp was once again headed by Kara J. of the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) & volunteers from APC, Red Bear Outfitters, Quail Forever, AZ. Pointing Dog Club and PPCI (that I know of) were there to help in some capacity. This Camp is really designed to help new hunters learn to hunt jackrabbits, predators, quail (all ages) as well as javelina for youth with 37B javelina tags. There were seminars on hunting, a review of gun safety and even a question and answer session with the Arizona Game & Fish personnel that were present, some even helped mentor. Meals were provided by Red Bear Outfitters (they are a Class Act!) and there seemed to be enough mentors for all. This is only my 2<sup>nd</sup> time helping to mentor at this Camp. I brought help this year also in the form of another mentor, Ivan C. We helped a family, Dad-Thomas, Mom-Crystal and Youth-Jovanni (had tag) try to get a javelina. Upon arriving at our area, the first thing we did was climb a steep hill. Ivan went ahead and I led the family, stopping here and there mainly for Mom to rest but she did okay. Once on top the glassing process was explained and all the guys looked through binos at the distant hills. I told Crystal (Mom) to also look with her eyes, this is after all a team effort. We spent some minutes glassing then Crystal said that she saw javelina. I came over and she pointed to the bottom of the hill. "They are right there, I can see them with my eyes." I couldn't see them and called Ivan over. He saw them and took Dad & Jovanni down towards them. We lost sight of the javelina in the brush & eventually got into a close by wash walking forward towards the big mountain. Then we saw hunters on the big mountain in the direction we were going. We then stopped & I tried calling but nothing happen. Then it was time to get back to Camp for Lunch and prize giveaways for Jovanni. After lunch we went out again to a different area. While we were glassing, someone drove past us and soon we heard several shots, then someone said, "You got it!" Yep, someone shot a javelina not far from us.

This is a Class Camp, we had Class Food & Kara really does a Class Job with the whole affair! Kudos to you Kara & to ALL the other helpers/mentors (if I missed any volunteer group, please forgive me) & the AZ. Game & Fish folks. I believe I heard that of the 13 javelina tags, I heard 8 pigs were taken.





## **\*\*\*WE ARE HAVING A FUR PREP DAY!!!- MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

**Any interest in having a Fur Prep Day during February or March? The Answer is YES!!!**

Well it looks like we are going to have a Fur Prep Day to get some furs ready for the Tannery! One of our members stepped up & we now have a place to hold it. It has been a few years so this will be Good News for many of us who have skins in the freezer. **The date will be Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at a location in Phoenix. There will be a flyer with the location at the March Monthly Meeting.** Getting the directions by phone for the most part won't do any good as this member just like myself doesn't answer a phone call unless they know who it is. We'll start the work at 8:00a.m. If you have clean 5-gallon buckets, we could use them. Another item we could use would be some wooden painting slats. We need something to separate the flesh from touching each other both in the body and the front legs. Bring your thawed or mostly thawed out furs also. What I do is fill a cooler up with water, then put the frozen furs in the water. I try to keep the furs submerged by putting a spare truck tire on top of them & changing the water a time or two during the night. I usually do this the afternoon or evening before the Event (the earlier, the better). **This Event will take time however the more help that we have, the faster the work will go!** Most of the furs that show up will likely get donated to the Club so that the Club can make money. The Club needs some different ways to make money as these ways have changed. **Again, we will be preparing these furs for the Tannery. This is an excellent time to learn how to wash, flesh, sew and do the stretching process!** The Club has some aprons, fleshing boards & knives for you to use & will also provide lunch. See you there. If you want to keep the furs you bring, no problem if you work on & pay for them. If you do keep a fur(s) be sure to bring your own colored zip ties to put through the eyes.



## **PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE CAN HELP SUPPORT PVCI!!!!!!** **(SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVCI) by Scott Banner**

Most dealers pay out what is called a referral fee. This is true for anything requiring a State License including **New or Used** Boats, Trailers, Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, ATV's, etc.

**Let the Club refer you to the dealer of your choice.**

Just give Scott B. a **call at 623-214-5091** let him know where you want to shop & the type of vehicle that you're interested in. He will contact the dealers & try to obtain employee pricing for you. He'll then call you with the point of contact at the dealership. You then go into the dealer & ask for the contact telling him you are a Phoenix Varmint Caller & pick out the vehicle you are interested in. They will give you the best price. The Club will receive the Referral Fee.



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## **ALERT!!! ALERT!!! NEWSPAPER HEADLINE FROM THE YUMA SUN NEWSPAPER:**

### **AZGFD EYES BAN ON ‘PREDATOR HUNTING’ CONTESTS**

Yes, it is real and on its way! Remember the wildcat fight that G&F really did not help on? They were neutral they claimed?

Well now they are openly not supporting coyote hunting events. Why? Read the article I included and see the claims that, “The public just does not like them.”

Wow! New Mexico is duking it out right now with a Bill to stop all Coyote Hunting Events. It was heard in Committee today and passed (in the Senate). It is on its way again for the third time. The actions by the AZ G&F Commissioners will help the anti’s in New Mexico make their case to the NM legislators for sure. The AZ G&F Commissioners have embarrassed me at the highest level with their reckless actions at the recent Commission Meeting in Yuma on February 8-9. Each Commissioner **MUST HEAR FROM EVERY SPORTSPERSON** in ARIZONA on this bad action or they will be facing more reckless action on hunting, fishing and trapping activities they love and the “public” does not like! We **MUST BAND TOGETHER NOW! IF WE DO NOT PULL TOGETHER RIGHT NOW IT IS OVER!** Frankly based on past responses and lack of action I give it little hope **BUT I WILL DO MY PART...WILL YOU?** Still fighting...Jim Schmidt. Don’t believe it? Look at <https://www.pressreader.com>

### **IF YOU GIVE THEM AN INCH, THEY WILL MOST ASSUREDLY TRY TO TAKE A MILE!**

Hello! For all you that enjoy coyote competitions in Arizona please know that you are under attack by the very Agency you support and defend every day! At the most recent AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meeting (February) in Yuma, the Commissioners voted to condemn coyote hunting events and instructed the staff to begin developing regulations stopping all coyote hunting events in Arizona. This despite the ruling 20 years ago where the Attorney General ruled that AZ. Game & Fish had no jurisdiction over these events. Last year when the anti’s tried to stop bobcat, mountain lion, lynx (there are no lynx in Az), jaguar and ocelot (both species are already protected, you can’t hunt them) hunting, The AZ. Game & Fish Dept said they **COULD NOT** make a stand one way or the other. **WHY IS THERE AN OPINION NOW?** One of the reasons that I heard (may, may not be true) that there is an opinion this year is because the public doesn’t like it. **REALLY!** What other privilege are we to lose because AZ. Game & Fish believes that the public doesn’t like it?

On March 15-16 there will be an Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting in Tucson. Tucson is a **HOT-BED** for anti’s! My own personal belief is that we will lose contest hunting for coyotes that weekend. Why? Because besides Jim S., there will probably be no one else there to speak up. Why? Because contest hunting doesn’t personally affect most of you. However, **BE AWARE.** If YOU let the Anti’s win this battle without even trying to fight it, **WHAT WILL BE NEXT?** Did you know that after Vermont stopped coyote hunting events in Arizona in 2018 now a college student group is moving to **STOP ALL COYOTE HUNTING IN VERMONT?** They say that since you do not eat coyotes why hunt them at all? That problem coyotes can be dealt with by the government on a case by case basis! That was 100% predictable and stated.

Will bass fishing contests, big buck contest, biggest javelina, etc. also be banned someday? The ultimate goal of these anti groups is to **STOP ALL HUNTING** and that is a fact jack. If you can’t do it all at once, then chip away and stop what you can stop, one step at a time. It is almost sad to see Arizona grow, especially when in many cases, those that come here want this state to be like the one they came from. Arizona is a **GREAT STATE!** We are doing just fine and do not need help from you.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Let the AZ. Game & Fish Commissioners know that you disapprove of giving the anti’s anything including the banning of coyote contest hunts. The AZ. Game & Fish Commissioners are listed in the AZ. Game & Fish Regulations and on the AZ. Game & Fish websites. E-Mail each of them daily and kindly let them know how you feel. **ALSO,** it might not be a bad idea to either show up in Tucson and fill out a blue card so that you can speak **OR** follow the instructions for e-mailing the Commission Meetings and please **DO E-Mail** them. However, you probably won’t. Why? You tell me.

**\*\*\* NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP to stay a PVC I Member!** On Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 the PVC I 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 [pvcigroup@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcigroup@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 PVC I. Send payment to PVC I 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. **PVC I MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 165 PVC I WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:** Chris C., Craig C., Phillip G., Jacob S., Grant C., & Jesse R.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\*\* Do seriously consider attending the AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meetings!**

Feb. 22-28 – General Javelina Season Opens in many Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.  
Mar. 15-16 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting 555 N. Greasewood Rd. Tucson 520-628-5376  
**Mar. 6 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.**  
**Mar. 9-10 – PVC I Monthly Hunt. Last Organized Hunt for 2018-2019 Season. Possibility this could be a Novice II Hunt??**  
Mar. 19 - CHA Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free Seminar w/Colburn & Scott Outfitters teaching turkey hunting w/both archery & shotgun techniques. Raffles, auctions, door prizes, vendors, more. Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Phx, AZ. 85023. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. **PVC I will have a booth here.** Need volunteers  
**Mar. 20 -This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVC I Board of Directors Meeting: Barro's Pizza, 3053 W. Agua Fria Hwy Phx. 7:00pm**  
Mar. 22 – Spring Bear Season opens in certain Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.  
Mar. 21-24 - International Sportsmen's Expo at WestWorld of Scottsdale, 166601 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale AZ.  
Mar. 30-31 - Arizona Game & Fish Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Range.  
Mar. 31 – Bobcat, Fox, Badger, Ringtail, Weasel, Raccoon Season ends. Night Hunting for coyotes also ends.  
**Apr. 3- This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.** Club Elections held  
**Apr. 12-13** Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix 602-942-3000  
**Apr. 17- This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVC I Board of Directors Meeting: Barro's Pizza, 3053 W. Agua Fria Hwy Phx. 7:00pm**  
Apr. 19 - Youth-Only Spring Turkey Season opens. Check your Hunt Regs. for open Hunt Units.  
Apr. 26 – Early Season Spring Turkey Season Opens in certain Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.  
**May 1 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. (PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.**  
May 3 – Late Season Spring Turkey Season Opens in certain Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.  
May 10 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting 5325 N. Stockton Hill Rd. Kingman 928-692-7700

## PVC I MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for March will be a Maverick 88 12 gauge 28" barrel  
The Gun for April is to be determined.

## A WORD ABOUT COMISSION MEETINGS! (We should be there)

There is a tremendous amount of apathy among the sportsmen of Arizona. It is interesting to note that about the only time a large number of people show up is when there is the very real possibility that something is going to be taken away from them! The proposed ban on predator hunts 20 years ago is a case in point. There were literally hundreds of sportsmen who drove to Flagstaff & Tucson from all over the state to express themselves on this issue. The anti's were there too. The question then is, "Where are these people when other issues that affect them are discussed & voted upon?"

When an issue comes up that needs to be discussed too often there is no one there to discuss it, no representation.

We all live busy lives. Just in the course of daily events it is hard to find time to do all that needs to be done. Yes, these Meetings are also boring however we ALL must wake up to the fact that this is the place that major decisions & changes are made that affect all sportsmen in our state. The Commission NEEDS TO hear from us! It is not enough to look back after the fact and say, "Well the Commission can't do that, it violates my rights!" Friends, they can and do & then it's up to you to prove otherwise. Who wants to step up and be the "trial court case" with the associated expense to attempt to prove them wrong? On the predator issue at hand concerning predator contest hunts, will the predator groups say/do anything? What will be the next contest that the AZGFD believe the public doesn't like, bass fishing contests? I believe that if the Meetings were not held on Friday, more would attend. Perhaps on-line attendance could work for these folks?



## PVCI ANNUAL CAMPOUT & BARBECUE SCHEDULE, MAP, ETC.

This year's **Annual Campout & Barbecue** will be scheduled for earlier than usual this year (the tentative plan is in April!) to have less conflict with Fire Restrictions. This family-oriented Event is probably one of our most attended of the year. Typically, there are events scheduled for the adults & sometimes youth if enough participants. Most of the adult events are shooting events. Both women and men compete separately in .22 rifle, .22 pistol, big-bore handgun and bowling pin. They compete together though in the archery & muzzleloader shoots. There is usually a BB Gun Shoot for the young kids and has sometimes been a Jr. Calling Contest in the past IF enough kids had calls & actually wanted to call. In between the shooting look forward to some really good food & having a cool good time up in the pines. The **Saturday evening meal will be a POTLUCK!** Please do bring a dish or dessert to share. **PVCI** will supply refreshments and fixings. A map & Schedule of Events usually appears in the PVCI Predator Tales. However, this Event also normally happens in May. **As you are currently reading the March-April Newsletter, we will probably have to make a flyer with the date, location, schedule, etc. and pass out at the April Meeting??** We do hope that you and the family and friends can make it. Member Larry S. is in charge this year. Volunteers will be needed to run the shooting events. If you run the Event, you more or less get to make the rules for the most part. Volunteers are needed for various other duties also. If we don't get the volunteers, then we quite possibly just won't have the Event. To volunteer your services please call Larry S. at 602-993-4661

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**PVCI** helping AZG&F Biologist collect samples from harvested Coyotes. She is looking for signs of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever & Brown Dog Ticks.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FIRSTS FOR ME

by Jay C.

Since joining the Phoenix Varmint Callers Club, I have been lucky enough to experience a lot of “firsts.” I grew up hunting, camping & jeeping all over Arizona and thought myself to be better than average when it comes to outdoor stuff.

I'd even been calling for coyotes several times when I was a teenager. I really had no idea of how much there was still to learn. I harvested my first fox (a Gray) within months of joining and within a month of that saw and took my first Kit Fox.

**Kit Fox** can't say that I'd ever even heard of these little critters before. My first Kit came on a hunt with Will H. We had gone South of town for an afternoon hunt during the middle of the week. That day remains one of the best hunting days I've ever had. Since we also worked that day, we didn't make our 1<sup>st</sup> stand until about 1:30p.m. & by sunset had harvested 4 Coyotes and the Kit Fox. The area we were in was fairly open with heavy sage. This was the last stand of the day and Yours Truly had the calling honors. Will was sitting about 30 yards behind and to my right. As the Kit came in, all I could see was a small fox, tail bobbing above the tops of the sagebrush. I pulled up my .17 and waited for it to cross a small opening & fired. When I shot, the little 4lb. fox jumped about 5 feet in the air, Will about 3 feet! Lucky for me the fox was keyed in on Will's movement and didn't know I was there. While the fox stood there and stared at Will I shot at it again. The fox ran about 25 yards and dropped dead! When I went to pick it up, Will was mad asking, “Why did you shoot that rabbit?” I took the critter home whole and have it mounted hanging in my kitchen.

**My first Gray Fox** came on a hunt with Eddie M. W. we went North on the October Hunt thinking that the desert would be overrun with quail hunter. By late Sunday we didn't have anything but a couple of spent cases from a missed long shot at a coyote Eddie called (I missed), so we started splitting up and working both sides of the road (back when Blitzing was legal) at the same time. I was calling down in a little creek with lots of rocks and grapevines when I saw a fox. Boom, Boom, Boom, I missed all 3 shots with my shotgun. Three minutes later another fox...Boom, Boom...still running. The third fox came and left without a shot opportunity, then came the fourth. This one was almost twice the size of the others and much smarter. It could be seen advancing, keeping a tree between myself and it until about 30 yards. It peeked around the tree and left the way it came in keeping the tree between us. At about 70 yards it came out into the open, got on a big rock in the sun and barked at me before leaving. Frustrated & disgusted I looked for blood from the ones I shot at then walked back to the road to meet Ed. I'm not sure if he believed me or not but we went back to the same little creek about 2 hours later on the way out that road and called again within 200 yards of where I'd done all that shooting. Within a couple of minutes, a fox came barreling in and I shot again. This time I found out why I missed the others. The branch above the fox was completely destroyed and only 5 or 6 BB's hit the fox. I learned how important it is to pattern your shotgun, in fact I don't think I've missed more than two or three shots with that gun since.

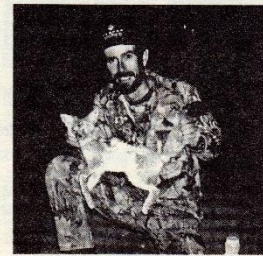
The most recent and probably the most exciting first since I joined the Club is my **1<sup>st</sup> Bobcat**. In the middle of March, Will H. and I went North to do some calling before the pelts got bad and the seasons ended. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> stand of the day at about noon I was calling. The area we were in was mainly juniper trees and tall grass, with a little scrub oak in the canyons. There was a big storm approaching and the clouds were doing a good job blocking the sun. The wind would blow for 10 minutes or so then be calm for about the same. I was using an open reed call trying to do what I would call a wounded bird noise, very high pitched and excited. After about 15 minutes on the call, I was about ready to give up the stand when something caught my eye. I'm not sure if it was movement or the shape but I was drawn to what looked like a stump under a tree about 110 yards away. Ready to give up the stand anyway, I pulled up my rifle and looked through the scope. Yep it was a stump..... I kept staring and still thought it was a stump.

Slowly and carefully I reached up and turned up the power on my scope. I always keep the 4-12 turned all the way down on a stand for faster target acquisition. Now staring at in on 12 power it was still a stump yet for some reason I just couldn't take my eyes off of it and after 3 or 4 minutes the stump blinked at me! The safety came off and I squeezed, still not 100% I wasn't shooting firewood and watched as the bobcat raised up about 3 inches, shivered and fell over. When it went over, I couldn't see it in the grass, so I jumped to my feet to be sure it was still there. The only movement was the tail making three counter-clockwise revolutions like a spring winding down. From where I was sitting it was 101 large paces (about 125 yards). The shot that got my bobcat was the first shot fired out of my new AR-15 in the field. The bullet was a 50 grain Federal HP at about 3100 fps. There was very little pelt damage. I took the animal whole to APC member John S. that does taxidermy and am having it mounted life size.

MEMBER JAY CARPENTER AND SOME OF HIS FIRSTS



Grey Fox



Kit Fox



Bobcat



## BLAST FROM THE PAST: SAN CARLOS SPRING TURKEY

by Eddie M.

The gentle breeze on my face had a message. The message said, "Come oh Eddie, come & hunt my turkeys." Taking out my wallet I checked one more time to make sure the San Carlos turkey permit was present. Glancing at the wall, the clock showed there was still one hour left to go at my job in Tempe. Time seemed to stretch eternally.

Sometime later I met friend & hunt partner Hal L. & his son Orion at a pre-designated meeting spot on the Reservation. My has Orion grown! He drives his own Toyota Tacoma truck also! Amazing! I guess they (the kids) really do grow up. After a brief happy meeting we each get in our vehicles and begin the long drive in. Hal has brought his family travel trailer. I pledge not to sleep in it, visit only. I'll sleep on the ground under the stars.

Next morning at 4:30am after breakfast, Hal & I head for a spot where many bird (six the last morning) gobbled for him last year. Orion stayed in Camp. He has no tag but did purchase two days' worth of fishing licenses & would hit the nearby Lake. Arriving just after 1<sup>st</sup> light we parked the truck, got out and listened as we made ready to go. Sure enough in the distance, at least one bird, maybe even two or three were gobbling! We quickly headed towards them/it and may have gotten a little too close as after setting up the gobbler didn't gobble anymore (?). Finally breaking the calling stand, we wondered together where he went? Hal suggested we maybe try climbing to the top of a nearby hill that overlooked where we were. Climb we did (was kind of steep) and were pleasantly surprised to find a flat clearing and gobbler J droppings on top, sure signs of a strutting area! Separating, Hal took the far gentle sloping end of the flat area while I stayed right in the middle of the gobbler's strut zone. Hal began using his diaphragm to make yelps and cutting while I clucked, purred, scratched leaves & gave an occasional yelp on my aluminum slate. It wasn't too long before we got a thunderous gobble from the top of a distant ridge. On the second gobble I knew the bird was on its way and that it would probably come up the gentle slope towards Hal rather than up the steep we had come up. I stayed put though in case the bird only came up the hill so far and suddenly veered away. Hal continued to call periodically and the gobbler who was by now obviously on his way, just gobbled & gobbled, getting louder and louder as he got closer and closer! Soon the bird was on our hill, seemingly headed right for Hal. I expected a shot at any second but none came and soon the gobbler was quiet for a bit. When next he did gobble, it was to Hal's right, now it was headed towards Hal again, getting closer to him and louder! Then BOOM, Hal's shotgun goes off and all is quiet! Walking to Hal it's easy to see he was successful as he stands over a fine San Carlos wild turkey gobbler taken at 41 steps. He said he almost didn't shoot as he couldn't see the beard length. This is only right that Hal killed first having not taken a bird the year before. Much Congrats & many pictures followed.



Lunchtime back at Camp Orion was happy at our success & showed us some of his with a fine catch of six trout that he had kept. We ate & rested. In the evening we went to a spot where I remembered seeing sign last year though we didn't hear any birds. That evening I called in a gobbler which I had a good chance at but let go for the same reason that Hal almost didn't shoot, I couldn't make out the beard length though I knew it was a big mature gobbler, I just didn't shoot. After I let him walk away, we worked that bird until dark to no avail. Morning found us back and he was willing, but the real hens took him away. Later in the day we worked one more bird I heard gobble with no success. Deciding to split up to cover more ground, I drove down 3-Mile Hill and just before dark heard one gobbler announce to the world, "I'm over here girls, I'm HOT!! Noting his location, I mentally marked the spot for the morning.



Morning had us walking in towards that turkey while still dark. We had a ways to walk. Right at daybreak, as we started to climb the hill the bird was on, he started gobbling! He sounded like he was right on top of the hill. However, on reaching the top, we discovered that the bird was in fact on top of the next ridge and he was still HOT! He gobbled and gobbled and gobbled! We soon set-up and began calling to him, Hal using his diaphragm yelping and cutting while I yelped on my aluminum slate. We persisted causing the gobbler to really get excited, you could hear the excitement in his voice. Flying down he gobbled his way to the bottom of the two ridges and stayed a bit then came on up our side. He eventually made his way to the top of our hill with us and kept coming, gobbling the whole way! My shotgun was up waiting. There's his head! I need to get the gun to the right more. Head behind a rock, move. Head behind the tree, move. He should come out right...out the gobbler steps, looking sideways. My shotgun is on him. He turns towards me and takes a couple steps. I'd like to let him strut and give us a show but...I have the bead on his neck and take the shot, BOOM! Paced out later to be 21 steps! What big, beautiful birds wild San Carlos turkeys are! I love this calling game!





## LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS: HUNT, TRAP, FISH, SHOOT, WILDLIFE RECREATION

The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. is dedicated to introducing children to hunting by offering a wide variety of juniors only hunting & shooting programs. These programs are designed to get children in the field with a parent or guardian who can focus on the kid(s) and provide the guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, ethical & responsible stewards. To provide plenty of opportunity, Game & Fish has partnered w/various Sportsman's clubs, groups & organizations to provide mentoring for beginners to help assure positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on pages 22-27 of the 2018/2019 AZ. Hunt Regs. You'll note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills) for more information. Consider helping out at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a PPCI member & often wear my PPCI T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked hunting.

**March 1-3 - Junior Jack Kamp-AZSCI:** Recent Hunter Ed graduate junior hunters learn about Jackrabbit biology/hunting. Hunt skills taught include skinning, harvesting & cooking jackrabbit meat. Location: Three Points, southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A. Host: SCI-AZ Chapter. Register: Bobby Boido, [azsci@yahoo.com](mailto:azsci@yahoo.com) 520-490-8367.

**March 19-Turkey Hunting Seminar & Show-CHA:** Free seminar w/Colburn & Scott Outfitters. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds. Raffles, auctions, door prizes, refreshments, more. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle. Location: Calvary Comm. Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy. Phx, AZ. West entrance. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. Host: Christian Hunters of America, Colburn & Scott Outfitters, Ruger. Info.602-309-3430 or [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org)

**April 18-21 -Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial:** Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities & camping. Meals provided. Location: Happy Jack Area: V Bar V Ranch serving Units 6A, 5A, 5B. Host: NWTF, AZ Wildlife Federation, Xtreme Predator Callers. Register: Tim Denny, [longbeardsaz@gmail.com](mailto:longbeardsaz@gmail.com)

**April 18-21 – Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial:** Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping. Meals provided. Locations: East of Payson Area, Colcord Ridge Campground. Units 23, 4A, 4B & 3C. Host: NWTF, AZ Elk Society, **Phoenix Varmint Callers**, Register: Rich Williams at [azgobbler60@gmail.com](mailto:azgobbler60@gmail.com)

**April 18-21-Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Units 1/27 Marvin Robbins Memorial:** Learn & get assistance calling & hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping. Meals provided. Location: White Mts. Area near Crescent & Big Lake. Unit 1, 27. Host: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, NWTF, AZGFD, AZ& Rocky Mtn. Elk Society. Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

**April 12-14- Becoming An Outdoors Woman:** Workshop for adult women (18 & older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in fun environment including sessions in fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, camping, GPS and more are offered. Classes in the day, evenings for entertainment, socializing, fun. Fee required include lodging & meals. Location: Friendly Pines Camp in Prescott. Host: AZ. Wildlife Federation. Info: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org) click on Education/BOW. Register at 480-644-0077 or [awf@azwildlife.org](mailto:awf@azwildlife.org)

### CLUB HUNT RESULTS: by Hunt Chairman Ron P.

**\*\*\* MULTI-CLUB HUNT RESULTS: PPCI took it followed closely by the Xtreme Predator Callers then the Arizona Predator Callers.**

**JANUARY CLUB HUNT:** This is the month when the Archery Javelin & Deer Hunts were in full swing. There was also snow up north. All total 4 teams consisting of 9 people signed up & ventured forth. The Total kill was 10 coyotes/1bobcat Results:



Hunt Chairman



Craig B., Wayne W.  
Total: 7 coyotes



Mark S., Tim L.  
Total: 2 coyotes, 1 bobcat



Steve R.  
1 coyote

**FEBRUARY CLUB HUNT:** The weather for this Hunt was Lots of rain in a lot of places on Friday & Saturday morning There were 6 teams consisting of 12 people that signed up for the Hunt. Only one team checked in.

Mark S., Tim L Total: 2 Foxes, 1 coyote, 2 bobcats

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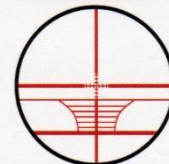
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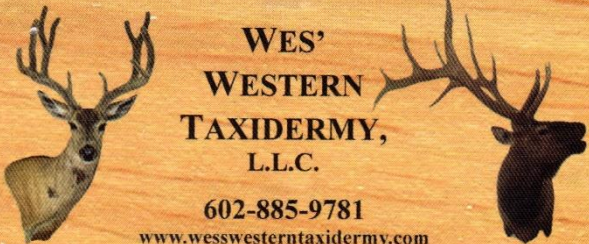




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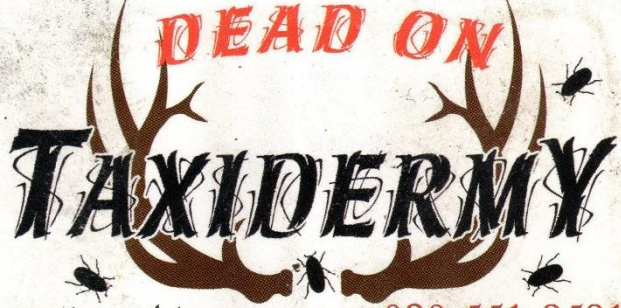
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