



July-Aug. 2021



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**Presidents Message**

I want to emphasize the trail Clearing in July and the boot camp in August and the need to register for the boot camp as mentors/volunteers. I want people to get interested and registered and participate in PVCi's Activities. We need someone with a vehicle capable of towing the AES trailer to the boot camp, and willingness to do it. Also need more potential volunteers for upcoming DVPH events. I want to encourage all of our members to come to meetings and support the club, plus bring a friend and help the club grow..

**Things to Know:**

- \* **The 1st Wednesday in July is July 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a Club Meeting on July 7th!**
  - \*The July 7th PVCi Monthly Meeting will feature speakers from AZGFD speaking about Black Bears and animal diseases. Also learn more about the George Knox/ Ray E. Memorial Boot Camp.
  - \*\* **UPCOMING PVCi EVENT! JULY. 17-18, 2021 – Dates for the Annual PVCi Trail Clearing of the See Canyon Trail, a hunter/survival trail on Rim. Breakfast Saturday before work! Work done on Saturday the 2nd. Great Potluck on Saturday night! Refreshments provided. Map & more info. inside.**
  - \*\***Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> PVCi meeting will include a bear hunting seminar.**
  - \*\***UPCOMING PVCi EVENT: PVCi George Knox/Ray Evridge Memorial Varmint Calling Boot Camp is scheduled for Aug. 10-11-12 2021. The location will be Vincent Ranch in Unit 4A. This Boot Camp is designed to teach you about calling predators in an in-the-field setting. For both Youth & Adults. Meals provided. Cost is Free! You MUST Pre-Register! Map & more info. inside. Need Mentors**
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Fishing Dreby Winner



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## Last Month's EVENT: PPCI FISHING DERBY at WOODS CANYON LAKE

What a great Camp Location: Sharp Creek Campground

By Ray K. USAF (VET)

Family fishing day was an amazing time! Had several club members come and join us including our VP Ricardo. We had a few families and many kids out there trying to show the adults how it was done. Ultimately only 3 adults caught anything that could be kept, Shawn Gibbons, Mory Tait, and Ricardo Garcia. We also had two kids catch a total of 8 fish between them. Great gifts were handed out to the 3 fisherman who caught a fish and all of the kids. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the time outdoors and contributions to the potluck. A big thank you to all who donated including Bob and Patricia Cross, Ken Eaton, Mory Tait, Shawn Gibbons, Ricardo Garcia, Cabela's and Sportsman's Warehouse.



Notice that if a member knows any businesses that would be willing to donate to the club for the x-mas party they should contact Ron H. with the information!!!!!!

AZGFD voted 5-0 to ban trail cameras!!!

**WARNING: This column is not suitable for human consumption and may be inappropriate for people with an I.Q. above eleven. READ AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

**ITEM#1)** As we all know, predator calling is not an exact science. Of course, there are a few hard and fast rules but there is plenty of room for individual preferences and styles in many areas of calling. Some callers prefer one call or type of call over all others. Other callers make it a point to master all types of calls and use any or all of them as the mood strikes (Bob B. for instance). Some callers use rifles exclusively, while others prefer the shotgun only. Many use either one depending upon the situation and a few take a shotgun and rifle to every stand.

One area that preference plays a role in is deciding when to shoot. Today we will consider two different strategies. The accomplished Jacob J. says that he prefers to take the predator at the earliest opportunity. If for instance, the coyote presents a standing shot at 300 yards and he has a good steady rest and is confident of a clean, one shot kill, then he will go ahead and take the shot.

On the other hand, Ray E. (Ray is deceased now) prefers to call the predator in as close as possible. This way he gets in a lot more shooting before the predator gets away. (Side note: It is said that the reason Ray has such a hard time hitting coyotes may be that incoming objects "FREAK" him out!!! Speculation has it that when Ray was a baby, his parent would strap him in a highchair and feed him grapes with a slingshot!!!)

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

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

**ITEM#4)** Rumor has it that Dick S. is pregnant. When questioned, his response was, "Poppy Cock." He is registered at Baby's R Us and the shower is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**DISCLAIMER:** The author has no control over the reliability of sources or alleged sources & claims complete irresponsibility. Any resemblance to any real people, living or dead is unfortunate & completely co-incidental (except for that little short guy that runs the call box.) The deadline for all complaints concerning this column shall be Feb. 16, 1986.



### **Favorite Predator Calling Story (From the Past)**

by Gary A. M.

I have been hunting since I was four years old and didn't see my first bob cat until I was 24. In the last 2.5 years I have seen six of them! Out of those six I have called in three. The first one was with Jay N. in July 1999. We were on our way home from the State Calling Contest, (where I just finished last in the expert division) and we decided to do some hunting. I pulled a brand new 'Rhino Call' out of my call box and walked out to the stand. About a minute into the stand Jay said, "Bob Cat" I look his way and thought to myself, "Yeah Right". The Cat came in from about 150 to 170 yards away to within 10 yards of Jay! Since Bob Cat was not in season, Jay spooked the cat and it run away. I couldn't believe it, 2 O clock PM and 100 degrees, and that Bob Cat came right in! Even though that Bob Cat wasn't taken, it was a real confidence booster.



### **\*\*\*TO SUBMIT A STORY OR ANYTHING TO THE "PREDATOR TALES" NEWSLETTER\*\*\***

Do you have a story to share about your predator-calling or other story? Well we would love to hear from you. In fact, being the Newsletter Editor, I'm practically begging you to write or type up some type of story about ANY of your experiences and not just doing it once but doing so on an ongoing basis please. This is YOUR Newsletter and should include in my opinion stories, tips, experiences, recipes, etc. from YOU THE MEMBERS! Simply write down and hand your story to me at a Monthly Meeting or e-mail [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto:coyotecaller@cox.net). If you send an e-mail, please flag what you send as something for the Predator Tales Newsletter. Please also include a picture or two with your story. If a real picture, I will do my best to return the picture back to you if that is your request. Come on PVC Members, please get involved, it can be so much fun!!!

**PVCI SEASON 2020/2021 HUNT REPORT**

**BEST OF SEVEN MONTHLY HUNT: Results:**

**Best of Seven 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mark S.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Craig B.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mark M.**



**Top Shooter 1<sup>st</sup> Place Craig B.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mark S.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mark M.**



**Top Caller 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mark S.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Craig B.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mark M.**



**Six Month Team Hunts**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mark S. & Nath S.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mark M. & Shawn G.**



**TOP Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Craig B & Wayne W.**



**Let Get More Teams  
together for next year's  
hunting season**

## **WORD ABOUT COMMISSION MEETINGS! (We really 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 that many people show up is when there is the very real possibility that something is going to be taken away from them! 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's hard to find time to do all that needs to be done. Yes, these Meetings can be 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! AZGFD Comm. Meetings listed below.

### **\*\*\* PVC I MONTHLY GUN**

There will be a Monthly PVC I Meeting in July The Gun is yet to be determined.

The Gun for August is yet to be determined.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 1 – Gunnison Prairie Dog opens statewide. Tassel-Eared Squirrel Season opens in Unit 31.

July 4 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!! No AZGFD Commission Meetings in July.

**July 7 PVC I Monthly Meeting! This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. PVC I Monthly Meeting!** No AZGFD Commission Meetings

**July 16-18 PVC I Annual Trail Clearing:** Come help clear the See Canyon Trail. Work done Saturday the 2nd. Breakfast before/ Potluck Dinner Saturday night. Questions call Gary A. 623-334-9776 Map & more information inside.

**July 21 – This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday-PVC I Board of Directors Meeting – Barro's Pizza 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy.**

July 20 Elk Hunting Seminars/Show CHA – Largest Event of its kind. Doors open 5 p.m. for dinner/vendors. Presentations 6 p.m. Raffles, auctions, hunt trips, guns, optics, bows, taxidermy, more. Limited seating. Bring non-perishable food item to be entered into a Special Raffle. Calvary Church 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy. Western entrance. Host: Christian Hunters of America/AZ Elk Society. Info: [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org) 602-309-3430.

July 19-21: Bowhunter Happening 3D Shoot/Mormon Lake. Location: Rodeo Grounds. Info: [hunterwall@cox.net](mailto:hunterwall@cox.net)

July 25 – Web-Cast Drawing held for the Big-Game Super Raffle.

July 27-Aug. 3: Cabela's Fall Hunt University-Early season deer & elk hunting: 2 separate dates, same great event. Cabela's Pro Staff Corky R. & Mike O. teaching archery/rifle mule/Coues deer & elk hunt tactics. Bring can of food donation. Attendees have chance at \$50 Cabela's gift card. Location: Cabela's. No registration needed. Visit [www.cabelas.com/Glendale](http://www.cabelas.com/Glendale) for details.

July 25-26: **AZ. Elk Society Wapiti Weekend.** A 2-day intro to skills related to outdoors in AZ. w/classes on archery, fishing, .22 rifle, glassing, geocaching, gold panning, more. Fee: \$50 for youth. Info: [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) or 602-492-5319.

July 31- Arizona Trappers Association Convention at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix.

July 31 - **AZ. Elk Society Annual Banquet Mesa Convention Center** Doors open at 4:00pm.

Aug. 6-7 AZ. Game & Fish Commission Meeting, Region II 35005 Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ. 86001 (928) 774-5045.

**Aug. 4 – This is 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday/PVC I Monthly Meeting: 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale 7:00p.m. Bear Hunt/Call Seminar.**

Aug. 7 AZ Elk Society Elk Clinic

Aug. 8 – Rifle Bear Season opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

**Aug.13-15 Predator Hunting Boot Camp:** Adult focused, family & youth welcome. Beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, life history of predators, outdoor skill activities. Food provided & camping. Location: Vincent Ranch in Unit 4A. Host: Phoenix Varmint Callers, AZ. Elk Society. To Register/Info, [pvcigroup@gmail.com](mailto:pvcigroup@gmail.com) More info. inside.

**Aug. 18 - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday-PVC I Board of Directors Meeting – Barro's Pizza 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy.**

Aug. 23 –Archery Deer, Antelope, Bear, Turkey, Javelina, Ltd. Buffalo & Rifle Bear Seasons open. Lion opens. Check Regs.

**Sept. 1– This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, PVC I Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ. Special Novice Meeting.**

The Novice/Expert groups will be chosen for **Novice Hunt** after a multitude of info. is heaped upon you. Start time 7 PM

**\*\*\* NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP to stay a PVC I Member!** 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 \$35 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 \$45, and forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Frank Budde 602-758-8714.

**PVC I MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 185 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

## NEXT UPCOMING EVENT: PPCI ANNUAL TRAIL CLEARING JULY 17-18, 2021

Can you believe that it will soon be that time of year again? Time to head north and clear/maintain the See Canyon Trail, a Forest Service Trail that **our club has maintained since the 1960's!** What is the PPCI Trail Clearing? The See Canyon Trail FS184 is a hunter/survival trail that runs from the top of the Rim near Promontory Butte down to Christopher Creek & is used by many hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc. Basically, instead of taking the roads all the many miles around to get off the Rim and to the bottom, this Trail will get you off the Rim in only 3.2 miles!

**PPCI members mark your calendars for the weekend of July 17-18.** This will be the dates for the Annual PPCI Trail Clearing. The actual work will take place on Saturday July 17 however many members use this Event as an excuse to spend the whole weekend out of the Desert HEAT! The plan is to meet the Forest Service person or our person-in charge at the top PPCI sign off FS Road 300 (where the See Canyon Trailhead begins) at 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Here we will pass out the tools & take a PPCI Trail Clearing group photo by the PPCI sign, then split into upper & lower crews. PPCI will be offering water/Gatorade for refreshments. Volunteers need to bring all other supplies, gear, food & water for the weekend. **Fire restrictions permitting**, we will be camping off FS Road 84. This Road is on the Rim Road or FS300 past the Woods Canyon Lake Turn-off but before the Bear Canyon Lake turnoff. See the "Directions:" below. **This place where we camped last year!** If you show up Friday evening, expect a campfire (fire restrictions permitting) but bring & cook your own meal. **There will be a PPCI Hot Dog BAR-B-Q/ Potluck Dinner on Saturday evening (5:00P.M.) with the Club providing the Hot Dogs!** **Please Remember To Bring A Dish!** This Trail Clearing Dinner has really turned out nice over the many years & is most definitely worth sticking around for! We will also traditionally have a Potluck Breakfast on Saturday morning before the work begins. We'll need some extra breakfast items such as sausages, bacon & eggs, pancake batter, etc. Some extra frying pans, mixing bowls etc. would help, heck extra cooks too! As this event takes place in August during monsoon season be sure to take your raingear as brief afternoon showers in the high country are common!

**This is a family affair so do PLEASE DO Bring Them. Friends are also invited. Don't forget the POTLUCK DINNER items! Hope to see you at Camp and on the Trailhead! Questions call Gary M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Phoenix take Hwy 260 to FS Road 300 (the Rim Road), turn left. Take FS Road 300 to FS Road 84 and turn right. They say there will be marked PPCI signs to direct everyone. The campsites will be on FS84. A PPCI member may go up early, so they can secure sites to accommodate the Club on FS Road 84.

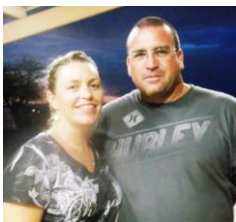


2019 PPCI Trail Clearing Crew



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** HAPPY B-DAY to Baby Girl "Hallie" P.  
Will turn 1year old on Aug 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSAY  
Mike & Tricia Y.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
to Lew Early



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
to Tim & Eunice N.



Married 26 years –Aug. 28

93Years Young on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Married 12 years on July 7

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)

## MORE AUGUST HAPPENINGS

### THE “GEORGE KNOX/ RAY EVRIDGE MEMORIAL” VARMINT CALLING BOOT CAMP AUG. 14, 15, 2021

The Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. (PVC I) is planning its own Varmint Calling Boot Camp in conjunction with AZGFD & the AZ. Elk Society and the Arizona Predator Callers (APC) on – August 13, 14, 15. The idea being to make the predator seminars an in-the-field experience, sort of like what Marvin Robbins did with his in-the-woods turkey hunting seminars. This Boot Camp is for both youth & adult. Friday is just for camp set-up & a late meal. On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, members of PVC I will give seminars related to predator-calling covering a variety of topics & answering your questions. The AZGFD may also say a few words. Then around lunchtime the different groups will be paired with a mentor for a hands-on predator hunt! Sunday morning will feature more hands-on hunting if desired. The idea of having predator instruction in the outdoors was thought about by our own beloved, the late George K. The AZ. Elk Society & APC will also be on hand & will provide meals & other support during this Event. So, if you’ve any interest in learning how



to successfully call-in predators, then this Camp’s for you. More info at [www.pvci.org](http://www.pvci.org)

**WHO:** PVC I will conduct a “Varmint Calling/Hunt Seminar” covering all aspects of calling in critters.

**WHEN:** August 14-15, 2021. Please Pre-Register: More info: [www.pvci.org](http://www.pvci.org) Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> for set-up only.

**WHERE:** The Boot Camp campsite will be at Vincent Ranch (See map & directions below).

Cost: Free to all, adult, youth & family. Come on out & learn instructions from hunters who have harvested many critters. We plan to go hunting too! Camping is free but there is only enough room for tents & vehicles on the Ranch. The Ranch is NOT big enough for the big camp trailers & such. You may find a spot to camp outside of the Vincent Ranch area on National Forest land which is public land. Bring a stool for use in class & hunting. Bring your camouflage, calls & if you have a shotgun or rifle bring them also, as the plan is to go hunting sometime during the weekend.

**FOOD:** Meals provided Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon & evening & Sunday morning.

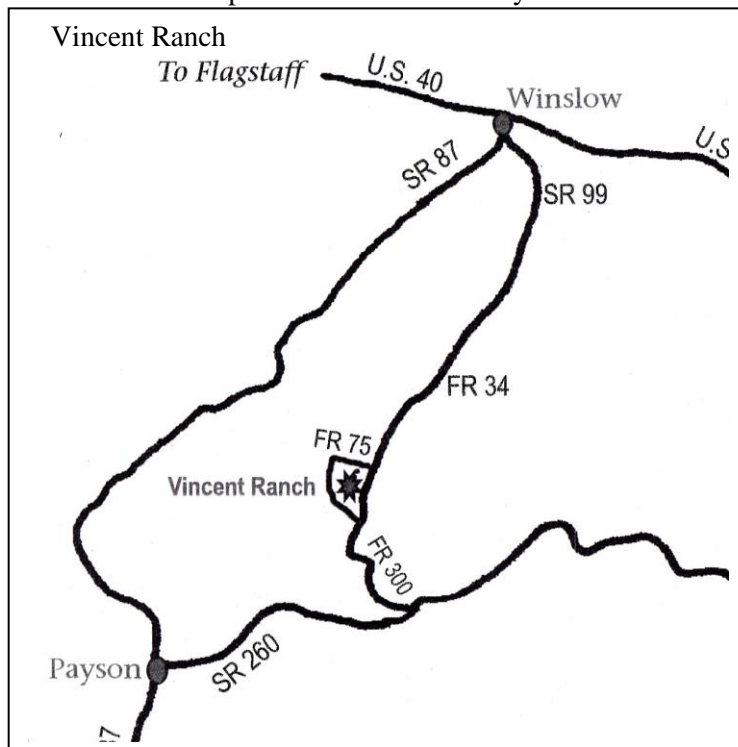
**\*\*\* REGISTRATION:** Please do pre-register so that we have an idea of how many to expect. To pre-register as a participant <https://register-ed.com/events/register/142036> The plan is for a limit of only 75 students.

**Mentors we need you also.** Please pre-register as a mentor or helper at <https://register-ed.com/events/register/142036>

\*\*\*There is talk that there will be an Incentive Drawing for the Mentor/Helpers and also a Giveaway for New Members.

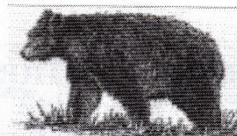
### MAP & DIRECTIONS TO VINCENT RANCH

Vincent Ranch Directions: From Phoenix take State Route 87 to Payson. From Payson, take State Route 260 east to the top of the Rim. Turn left at the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff onto FR300 (the Rim Road). FR 300 intersects with FR34 at the T. Turn right at the T onto FR34. FR34 intersects with FR75 twice. Turn left onto FR75 at the second intersection. In less than a mile you will see a road on the left. Turn left and take this road (a two-track) to Vincent Ranch.



## GETTING AN ARIZONA BLACK BEAR ON YOUR WALL

### PRESEASON PREPARATION. by Eddie M.



Observing black bears in the wild, especially your first time, whether you are watching them feed on a hillside or you watch your first bear coming to the call, will almost assuredly be an unforgettable moment! As I write this article, it is very hard for me to believe that the early Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> bear season is just shy of 8 weeks away and the better Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> bear season just shy of 10 weeks away! In some ways bears hunting reminds me of spring turkey hunting in that there are many that purchase tags yet few that actually get to touch one and bring one home. If you really want to bring an Arizona black bear home this season, it is very possible, however you need to prepare some things and if possible, also do some early scouting. I would start my preparations NOW! Black bears live in Big, Rough Country! The way I hunt, you will need, at some point, to be able to get from Point A to Point B in this country, often carrying quite a load. You need to be in some sort of shape to do this or you can really get yourself into trouble! I cannot stress this enough! I remember killing a bear once just before dark, some 6 miles in the Wilderness (where we went James S.). I was alone & I can remember that I ate a cold can of mini raviolis waiting for the moon to come up so that I could see. It took me all night to skin, quarter & prepare the meat for transport. I remember the pack was so heavy that when standing next to it, I couldn't lift it straight up with my arms. Instead I had to lay down & get my shoulders in the straps, then stand up in order to walk out. Once I made it to the truck, I went home, called some people for help, took a shower, then drove and met the 3 guys that thought they might help. Right back to the Wilderness we drove, then packed up & walked back in. Only one of those 3 guys made it all the way back to the bear. The country was just too rough. I had to leave them where they stopped, with their pack & provisions mind you & pick them up on the way back out. I eventually got some sleep however it was a long 48 hours. I truthfully believe that I would've been a lot faster not calling for any help!

I would start with preparing your body. Losing some weight is one of the best things that most of us could do. Also exercising a few times a week, running or running in place somewhere and doing some weights (they call this working out). Many say they are working out, then go to the gym and train and many can do miles on regular terrain. Well bear country has mountains and hills, and there is a BIG difference between regular miles and mountain miles!

Your rifle and/or bow preparedness should probably be next. For rifle hunters, do shoot enough gun. Yes, a .22-250 or .243 will kill a bear but really! I say that the .270 should be the bare minimum for shooting bears with the .30 calibers, 7mm Mags, etc. being an even better choice! Do go to the rifle range and do zero your rifle to be dead on, not at 100 yards (this isn't the East), instead zero to be dead-on, dead center at 200 yards! With my .270, I want to be dead center at 25 yards, then I move out from there. Using 130 grain bullets (they have better ballistics than the 150's), I can kill a fox at 4 steps or shoot a close cottontail in the head or kill a doe antelope in Wyoming at 300 yards by holding the crosshairs of my 4 power scope dead center. Of the bears that I have killed or seen die; I can think of 4 that took 2 rifle shots instead of 1 shot to kill them. Two of those were shot in the lower leg first and two of those were shot in the shoulder first. My first bear I shot in the shoulder at less than 10 yards after a stalk. It went down then got right back up on two legs going around & around biting at where it got stung. The next shot was through the lungs after it went on all fours to get out of there. Rifle hunters shoot your bears through the lungs if you can as the shoulder shot often just takes out one leg and a bear just like a coyote can still cover ground on 3 legs! Archery hunters, practice both long and short shots. Bears can be stalked and/or called quite close. Stalking a feeding bear is almost like stalking javelina, their smell & hearing being excellent, the eyes being their weakness. Bears do have bigger teeth though! I'm not a fan of punch cutter broadheads, I like fixed blades like the Rocky Mountain Razor, Thunderhead, Wasp, etc.

The way that the seasons are structured anymore, there is almost no excuse for not finding bears before the seasons start although the early Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> season might be an exception. In most instances, the best time of year to see a black bear in the Arizona wilds is from about mid-August to mid-September. Find the food they are eating, manzanita, acorns, prickly pear fruit and you will find the bears. This is primetime! Many of the seasons nowadays are set to protect the bears at this time of year with either no season or with a low female harvest limit, the archery hunters being an exception. We have much good bear country, maybe too much! It can be easy to get overwhelmed figuring whether to hunt a unit while open or go scout a different unit before the opener? The way the hunts are set up with the female harvest being the controlling factor, many of the better units will probably only be open a week & some of those that are supposed to open again at a later date, just might close for the rest of the year! It is often better to just learn a unit or two or three & concentrate on them. If the season doesn't open until later or closes early during primetime, perhaps you could go in anyway & scout with a camera, ignoring the other units.

NOW is also the time to find a taxidermist! Talk to them, many are also hunters, want you to succeed & may be able to steer you here & there. Talk about skinning also! What cuts to make for a rug, shoulder or full mount. Do you case skin a bear for a full mount or cut it down the upper back? What do they want you to do? Don't forget a butcher also. Finding the taxidermist & butcher now instead of trying to find one after the kill is common sense. Make your shot count! Good luck!



## **PURCHASING ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE (EVEN USED)? (SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR YOU & PVCI)**

by Scott B.

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, 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.



### **\*\*\*ATTENTION TARGET SHOOTERS\*\*\* NEW TARGET TYPE RESTRICTIONS:**

**POSSESSING ANY REFUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TARET SHOOTING IS PROHIBITED.** REFUSE INCLUDES ANY MATERIAL USED FOR TARGETS, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING APPROVED TARGETS (THIS IS A COMPLETE LIST):

- a. Cardboard and/or cardboard targets with reusable frames (wooden pallets are not considered reusable frames), which are removed from the site after shooting;
- b. Paper and/or paper targets with reusable frames (wooden pallets are not considered reusable frames), which are removed from the site after shooting;
- c. Reactive targets that are designed to move or bounce along the ground when hit that are made of non-metallic materials and are removed from the site after shooting;
- d. Self-healing targets which are removed from the site after shooting;
- e. Metal targets specifically made for firearms that are designed to swing, spin or knock down which are removed after shooting; and
- f. Biodegradable clay targets (clay pigeons).

### **EXPLODING TARGETS ARE PROHIBITED!!!**

**THE USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS SUCH AS TANNERITE, SONIC BOOM, SHOCKWAVE AND OTHERS IS PROHIBITED.**

**VIOLATION OF THESE PROHIBITIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000**

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**July 27-28: AZ. Elk Society Wapiti Weekend.** A 2-day intro to skills related to outdoors in AZ. w/classes on archery, fishing, .22 rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, glassing, geocaching, gold panning, more. Fee: \$50 for youth includes all classes, meals, giveaways for weekend. Info: [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) or 602-492-5319. Registration open 60 days before Event.

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**Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> AZ Elk Society clinic.** Location is El Zaribah Shrine 552 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St Phoenix check out the event at [arizonaelksociety.org](http://arizonaelksociety.org)

**Aug. 14-17 – Predator Hunting Boot Camp- George Knox/Ray Evridge Memorial:** Adult focused, families & youth welcome: Beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, life history of predators & furbearers, other outdoor skill activities, food provided, camping. Location: Vincent Ranch, Woods Canyon Lake area, Unit 4A. Host: Phoenix Varmint Callers, AZ Elk Society. To pre-register as a participant or mentor <https://register-ed.com/events/register/142036>

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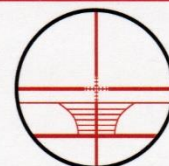
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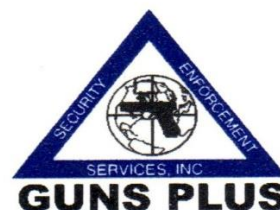
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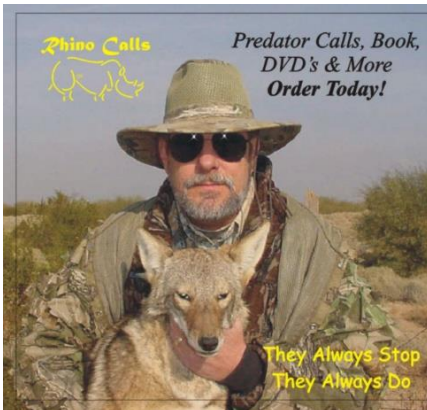
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