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March-April 2021



Wayne W.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Wayne W

Well the end of the season is almost here. We have got just about a month left before we finish this season and take a break for the summer. Hopefully everyone can take advantage of the great weather we're having right now and get out to do some last-minute calling!

One thing this season as reiterated is no two hunts are the same. We've seen teams lose with large numbers, and teams win with a single harvest, so just like a box of chocolates, you just never know what you're going to get! I'm excited to see what happens in March, and ready for some time to prep for next season. I also want to thank everyone that has participated in the recent events, and a huge congratulations to the Mesa boys for their win on the multi-club hunt! As always, keep your powder dry, and be safe!

THINGS TO KNOW:

*****WELCOME ALL!!!** Hey members we are back to having Club Meetings and Club Hunts!

Please Do Remember to Help the Club Survive and RENEW YOUR PNCI MEMBERSHIP!!!

Remember the price increase. New **MEMBERSHIP** Fees are \$45 to join & \$35 to renew. Fees can be made payable to **PNCI**, and paid on-line at **PNCI** Website <http://www.pnci.org> (go to membership) or Mail your **MEMBERSHIP** Fees to Phoenix Varmint Callers P.O. Box 87153 Phoenix, AZ. 85080
****PNCI holds its Club Elections in Aril of each year.** Club Nominations should be held at the March Monthly Meeting.

***Listen to Don McDowell 7-9 AM Sunday on 910 AM. About Fishing & the Outdoors!

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Mark S. W/100 Covote



Tim N. w/muzzle loader Javelina



Mark M. w three foxes

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A VERY SERIOUS MATTER!

by Eddie M.

Everyone knows this fact of life. In every Club, there are perhaps 2% of the members that do 89% of the work. This happens year after year after year. If a Club is supposed to be a group of individuals that are working together for a common reason or theme, then WHY does this happen? Why indeed? Why can't we get not just more but different volunteers other than the normal ones? Why aren't more members wanting to help? Everyone should know what Burnout is. Anyone can get Burnout, it is what causes a Lot of Good Members to either quit or give up what they are doing no matter the consequences. We have "A VERY SERIOUS MATTER" THAT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR IN THIS Club in April that is called the Club Elections. We seriously need some "NEW BLOOD" to fill most of these positions. **SERIOUSLY!!! Yet I know my plea will fall on deaf ears. Every single person reading this will come up with some real excuse in their head NOT to volunteer. It happens every year, especially for President and Vice-President. Why should this year be any different? PVC I Members, this is YOUR Club. Again, this is "A VERY SERIOUS MATTER."**

***** 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 to 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 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 & board meetings. These minutes contain among other things, the type of meeting, date & place & 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 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 & 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. 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 PVC I Website <http://www.pvci.org>**

RICK MACEY PREDATOR STORY



In the last issue Eddie talked a bit about coyote vocals. The use of vocalizations is a subject which I have been increasingly pursuing. In this article I would like to share some of my experiences from the recent season. Sometimes I like to start a stand with a single howl. Frequently I get responses from coyotes. This lets me know for certain coyotes are in the area. Even if I fail to bring them in, I have a likely place to try for a later visit. My opening howls are not aggressive or threatening, and in fact most of the time I avoid aggressive vocals. When opening with a howl, I usually wait up to five minutes before trying another sound. I simply wait and watch. On a hunt with a Marine friend named Ryan, I had a coyote charge in a minute and a half after the opening howl. Ryan and I have a habit of shooting within the same second. Bamb Bamb. It is always a wonder which of us got the animal. It was the same on this occasion. In December I was hunting with a friend named Ken. There is a Tony Tebbe sound I use frequently called Teen Spirit. I usually play this sound midstand, but on this occasion I used it as my stand starter. In a minute or two a coyote pair arrived in front of Ken. The closest one was about thirteen yards, and Ken managed to miss it with his shotgun. Oops! In early February I was at my brother's home near Santa Fe New Mexico. I opened with some howls which were answered. The distance seemed close enough I expected the coyotes to appear. At midstand I played Teen Spirit or a yipping pair. I think I used another vocal late in the stand. Ultimately the coyotes never showed up. I suggested to my brother we go over to the hills where the coyotes had responded. I told him since we had no luck with non-aggressive sounds, I was going to use an aggressive sound. I played Tony Tebbe's Border War sound; it did not take long for two coyotes to show up. On a recent two day hunt I called in two coyotes, a bobcat, and a grey fox. Vocals did not produce; [I do not think the coyote density was particularly good in our area. I never heard coyotes either night while we slept]. I got the coyote and grey fox. The bobcat came from behind me. As I scanned right and left, I saw nothing for about five minutes. The next time I looked to the right there was a bobcat about six feet from me. I stared straight into his face and he stared straight into mine. I did not shoot at this range and figured I would not have trouble collecting him as he departed. The bobcat finally took off. Once he was about thirty yards out a large cholla and other vegetation shielded him. I moved to the side to get an angle on him. I had to take a "hail Mary" shot which did not connect. Most of the coyote vocals I use are either Tony Tebbe sounds or from Predator Tactics. Keith Baker of Predator Tactics can be seen frequently on Facebook videos. He really succeeds with the PT vocals. This is a great source for learning how to use vocalizations. I intend to keep using vocals and hope to get better. Give it a try – you will probably learn something.

P.S. Please share your stories with us! To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to coyotecaller@cox.net

P.S.S. Other predator related websites are: www.predatorprofessionals.com , www.pvci.org
& also check PPCI out on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/PVCI.org>

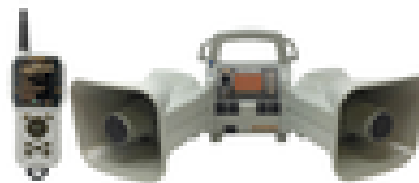
FOX PRO PREDATOR STORY



PRODUCT REVIEW: FOXPRO XWAVE E-CALLER

PVCI wants to thank FOXPRO again for their donations to our Christmas Party they asked use to highlight their latest Predator Howler The FOXPRO XWAVE.

The FOXPRO XWAVE features 2 positional Xtreme High Definition (XHD) speakers. Both XHD speakers are a horn speaker with an added tweeter for improved frequency response. The XHD speaker system allows for extreme volume capabilities and realistic sound clarity. The FOXPRO XWAVE also features Bluetooth® compatibility, so the user can connect wirelessly via their Bluetooth® device and play animal sounds from their own library or even play music during a camp setting or recreational activity. There are 2 external speaker jacks if you desire even more volume, an auxiliary jack to connect an approved device such as a Jack Predator Decoy, and a charge jack. The XWAVE comes with 100 high-quality FOXPRO sounds, with the ability to store and access up to 1000 sounds. You can operate the XWAVE manually or with the TX-1000 remote control. The XWAVE comes complete with a lithium battery and charger kit in the box!



The TX-1000 features a full color graphic LCD screen, which displays your sound list or sound categories. It also has a barometer indicator, moon phase indicator, temperature indicator, battery level indicator, timer or time clock, FOXBANG technology and much more. FOXMotion allows you to fade the sound from the left speakers to the right speakers to help “sell” the reality of your call sounds. FOXFusion allows you to mix and match any two sounds at the same time during your calling sequence. FOXCast allows you to play a pre-set custom sequence to include your favorite sounds, volume levels, and even pauses. FOXPitch allows you to manipulate the “pitch” of the sound in an effort to trigger a response. FOXData allows you to record real time information from each and every stand so you can access the data for future reference. The XWAVE is backed by a 5 year limited warranty and FOXPRO's unmatched customer support and is proudly made in the USA <https://www.gofoxpro.com/products/digital-game-calls/xwave>

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How We Cook Doves

By Mike F.



Some dove hunters don't enjoy eating the birds they have taken from their hunt. I haven't had anyone dislike how we cook our doves.

The first step after cleaning you birds is to cook the breasts in a pressure cooker if you happen to have one. We like to put a shot or two of wine in the water. After the weight on the lid starts shaking around remove from heat after 5 minutes. If you don't have a pressure cooker use a tray for steaming vegetables in a large pot to give them some steam for 10 to 15 minutes. The meat should come off the bone pretty easily. Now that you have the meat off the bone put the two sides of the meat together and wrap with a strip of canned green chili pepper and bacon. A toothpick skewered through holds everything together. Cook on a grill until the bacon is cooked and you're done. As always when eating doves beware of pellets that may be in the meat.



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Contact US at P.O Box 87153 Phoenix, 85080

VIEW ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION MEETINGS LIVE

Due to COVID -19, the public will not be able to attend the Commission Meetings in person until further notice. The public can still view the Meeting at www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam or listen to the Meeting by calling (602) 666-0783, access code: 280 046 234##. Members of the public who listen by phone should keep their phones on mute. Members of the public wanting to speak to the Commission on specific agenda items, can call (602) 962-8790 and follow the prompts to say your name, where you are calling from, and the agenda item you wish to speak about.

PVCI MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for March will be a ???

The Gun for April will be determined. It is a very difficult time to find/buy firearms.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 28 – Trapping Season ends.

Mar. 3 - This is the 1st Wednesday. (PVCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.) 7:00p.m.

Mar 6-7 – PVCI Monthly Hunt. Last Organized Hunt for 2020-2021 Season. Possibility this could be a Novice II Hunt??

Mar.13-15-International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at West World in Scottsdale, AZ. 1660 N. Pima Road. Enter \$12-Park \$5.

Mar. 16 - CHA Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free seminar teaching turkey hunting. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds Raffles, auctions, door prizes, vendors, more. Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33rd Ave. Phx, AZ. 85023. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. PVCI will have a booth here. (Volunteers?)

Mar. 17- This is the 3rd Wednesday. **PVCI** Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza 3053 W Aqua Fria Frwy.

Mar.19 – 20 Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting at Region III 5325 N. Stockton Hill Rd. Kingman (928)-692-7700

Mar. 20 -21 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting at 555 N. Greasewood Rd. Tucson 520-628-5376

Mar. 20 – Spring Bear Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Mar. 28-29-AZ. Game & Fish Dept. Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting Range. Has Been Canceled Due to Covid-19.

Mar. 25-28 International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) at West World in Scottsdale, AZ. 1660 N. Pima Road. Enter \$12-Park \$5.

Mar. 31 – Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, weasel, ringtail, coatimundi & Gunnison's Prairie Dog seasons end.

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April 14 – AES Annual Banquet Mesa Convention Center 263 N Center ST. Mesa, AZ.

April-15-17- Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting (Hunt Orders) Region IV 9140 E. 28th St. Yuma (928)-342-0091

April 16-19 – Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial: Locations: Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored camp. Seminars, meals, camping provided. Location: East of Payson Area, Colcord Ridge Campground. Units 23, 4A, 4B & 3C. Host: NWTF, AZ Elk Society, **Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc**, Register: Rich Williams at **April 21 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI** Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza 3053 W Aqua Fria FRWY

PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 181 PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Kevin W.

End at the April Monthly Meeting. Get all of your Proof's turned in by the end of The Meeting to get credit for year!

. *** Note From The Membership Chairman:

DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

to stay a PVCI Member! Fees will be going up on Jan. 1st, 2020. The PVCI New Members fee will be \$45 and the Renewal Fee will be \$35. How will you know if you owe? Through the On-Line Newsletter (the Predator Tales) in most cases. For the most part PVCI is only sending the Newsletter via e-mail. To receive an e-mail Newsletter, you MUST send your information to azfrank64@cox.net 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. Fees should be made payable to PVCI. Send payment to PVCI c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. Membership Forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Contact Membership Chairman Frank B. 602-758-8714

HARD COPIES OF THE PREDATOR TALES ARE AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL FEE OF \$10.00/Yearly

For the Annual Fee of \$10, those who would still like to receive the Hard Copy can do so! Give your \$10 payment to Membership Chairman in person or mail the \$10 fee to **PVCI** P.O. Box 87153 Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. Be sure to specify what the money is for. You could also include in addition to your Membership.

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 are interested in. He will contact the dealers & try to obtain employee pricing for you. He will 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.



MARCH MONTHLY MEETING LAST ORGANIZED HUNT OF THE 2020-2021 PVCI SEASON

The March Monthly Meeting will be the last organized Meeting for the 2020-2021 Season.

ARIZONA GAME & FISH OUTDOOR EXPO – CANCELLED for 2021 COVID-1

UPCOMING EVENT: TURKEY HUNTING SEMINAR & SHOW- CHA MARCH 17, 2020

Free seminar teaching turkey hunting. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds. Awesome raffles/auctions, door prizes & refreshments. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle. Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. 33rd Ave., Phx, west entrance. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. Seating is limited. Host: Christian Hunters of America, Info: AJ Murosky www.desertchristianarchers.org

INTERNATIONAL EXPO (ISE) STILL ON:– MARCH 25-28, 2021? may be canceled contact organizers. **WEST WORLD of SCOTTSDALE 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ. 85260**

Adult Admission-\$12.00 Youth under 15 Free! Parking \$5.00 per car - Hours 10a.m. to 7p.m. Thursday - Saturday. Sunday 10a.m. to 5p.m. No pets, No weapons, No ammo.

Arizona's largest boat, outdoor gear, RV, 4-Wheeler & travel show returns to West World of Scottsdale. Plus, Free activity areas, including Water Sports-Event Pond, new Doc-Dogs pond & Contest, Wilderness Camp, Outdoor Product Showcase, Off-road Test Rack, giant bass demonstration tank...more!

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



Steve & Kathi L Married
28 years short March 3rd

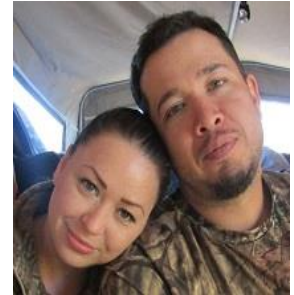
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*****The 6-Month Hunt & other Monthly Hunts will**



Happy Birthday Day
John T. April 1



Congrats to Ivan & Sarah C.
married 16 years on April. 14th

PREDATOR SEASON IS WINDING DOWN, WHAT CRITTER DO I CALL NOW? WHY SPRING TURKEY GOBBLERS OF COURSE! HERE'S A CRASH COURSE.



The month of March marks the end of predator calling for most PPCI members. Although coyote season is open all year statewide with some exceptions (Refuges, etc.), most PPCI members lay low and let the coyotes raise their pups during the warmer months of the year. They clean, reorder & replace ammo, calls, clothes and other gear. Hunting vehicles, firearms, etc. are repaired and re-tested and many turn their attention to other pursuits like looking for antlers, fishing, participating in the PPCI Spring-Summer family-oriented Club functions (introducing your families, friends to the others & getting to know them) & hunting Spring Buffalo, Bear & Spring Turkey. This will be about hunting Spring Turkey.

Learning to call & hunt the Spring Turkey Gobbler on a one-on-one basis is truly a Grand Experience. I wasn't always hooked on spring turkey hunting however I had never called in one at that time either. Now that I have called in a couple hundred birds. I think that one of the main appeals of spring turkey hunting for me is the calling aspect of the hunt especially since I am a predator caller, being able to call in anything has HUGE appeal to me. Add the fact that gobblers often gobble while approaching you and that gobble is LOUD and often the closer they get the LOUDER they are, well it just helps to make things very exciting!!!

Let me tell you a story first. Have you ever received tag#1 in the Big-Game Draw? I did one year on the Unit 27 Early Season Turkey Hunt. My Buddy Hal L. received tag#2. We arrived the day before in the evening and right away set out to find some roosting areas. Areas A, B, C and D. You always want more than one roosting area in case someone else is in your spot. Opening morning sounded like Vietnam. There were shots ringing out seemingly everywhere. We went to Area: A and worked a gobbler but the hens took it away. Area: B yielded nothing also. At Area: C, a gobbler sounded off. I worked my slate, clucking and purring while Hal used his diaphragm. The gobbler got closer, and unlike in predator calling, the closer it got, the LOUDER it got! I did not see it but eventually Hal shot, and we had one gobbler on the ground! Area: D was quiet. On the way back to camp, I stopped Hal at the base of a hill and said that I would get out and try here, to come back after a couple hours.

I headed up the hill. Once on top, I first did some clucking, then some light yelping & leaf scratching. I repeated these actions as I advanced across the top & eventually heard a gobbler in the distance. I advanced towards it & clucked & scratched the leaves, then shut up. In the turkey mating world, when a gobbler wants to mate, he gobbles, & the hens come to him. Your challenge is to reverse nature & make the gobbler come to you. This can be quite difficult which is why so many do not bring home birds.



The gobbler, thinking he's hearing hens, gobbles again but only hears silence so it advances some more getting LOUDER as it gets CLOSER (Surely it's thinking, where did those hens go?) Eventually the gobbler ends up below a small hill. I can hear him gobbling below, I can hear hens purring also. I yelp sparingly & he gobbles & invites me down. This goes on for some time. Then I hear the gobbler LOUDLY coming up the hill. I get the shotgun pointed & ready & wait. It is coming GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE! Up he pops walking towards me. Then suddenly it turns to head back down the hill. I move slightly, put the bead on the neck, not the head, it moves too much & not where the neck meets the body as you will likely also shoot some beard off & pull the trigger, BOOM! Down the gobbler goes & I soon have it by its back legs with the chest facing towards me to keep the gobbler pretty & not thrashing around breaking feathers in the leaves. The distance is 11 steps! Thank You Again Jesus!

*****Spring Turkey Hunting for the Wild Turkey Gobbler is Exciting!** It helps to know a few things though. How to identify sign, knowing what calls to use, what shotgun and ammo to use, some turkey calling sounds.



Identifying Sign: A gobbler and even a jake or first year bird is bigger than a hen. The track is bigger and you will often see. Gobblers and jakes also have beards that stick out from their chest, the jakes beard can be very small looking like a bowtie in many instances. Perhaps 5% of hens also have beards. During the spring season, only bearded turkeys are legal to shoot. This includes bearded hens. Gobbler poop looks like the letter J while hen poop looks like a kernel of popcorn. When you find scratching in the leaves, it can be extensive. The turkeys kick the leaves up behind them as they travel forward. If you find scratching at the base of a tree, the bird is usually a gobbler. Lots of turkey feathers and poop below a tree usually

indicate a roost tree or a place where the flock has spent the night and may come back too.

Knowing what calls to use and sounds to make: There are many different types of turkey calls and they all call turkeys some with advantages and disadvantages. **The diaphragm call** fits in the mouth (for some) & you can make all the turkey sounds without making any movements. **The box call** is an old traditional that is supposed to be one of the easiest calls to use but takes movement to make it work. It supposedly can make all the sounds of the wild turkey also. I like and use the **slate call** of which there are many varieties. Rock slate, copper, aluminum, crystal, glass, cherry wood, mahogany wood, carbon crystal, to name a

few. **I personally use the aluminum slate.** A slate call comes with the call and a striker and also requires movement to use. The strikers also come in many varieties and are the individual voices of the call. Too me, the slate call is the easiest of the turkey calls to use. There is also the **push-pin call, and a few gimmicks like the fighting purr, the spit & drum, some kind of whine, etc.** **What shotgun and ammo to use:** For most adults, a 12ga. shotgun shooting Turkey load 4, 5 or 6 in 2-3/4", 3" or 3-1/2" are the normal. For the Youth, the 20 ga. shotgun shooting #3 Buckshot is normal. There are also many that use the bow & arrow.

Here are some of the basic hen turkey sounds, what they mean to me and when I use them.

Cluck: Basic communication used by both hens & gobblers the cluck to me is a reassuring sound that means that I am a turkey and in the area and conditions are fine. I like to have a diagram call in my mouth so that when I get a gobbler close and he is wondering, "Now where is that hen?" I can still make a reassuring sound without moving my hands to say that, "I'm a turkey, I'm a turkey over here." Then the only hand movement needed is to squeeze that trigger finger!

Tree Yelp: Very light yelp made 1st thing in the morning to let a gobbler know that you are a hen and waking up. Makes the gobblers go CRAZY!!! Only do a time or two then shut up and make him come look for you.

Mating Yelp: The main sound used by most turkey hunters to call in gobblers. The mating yelp tells the gobbler that you are a hen and are ready for action. I use a lot while walking & prospecting trying to make a willing gobbler sound off. I am walking and asking, "Are there any MEN out there?" I do not use his sound a lot once I find and am actually trying to get the gobbler to approach. In the turkey world when the gobbler gobbles, the hens come to him. You need to reverse nature and make the gobbler come to you. So I like to let the gobbler know that I am in the area an a little excited but.....My hope is that he knows where I was, now he is coming to find me. If I act too excited, he may just stop advancing and wait for you to walk in to him.

Cutting: Very excited mating yelp. This sounds means that you are so ready for him that your tail is to one side. Can make gobblers go CRAZY!!!

Lost Yelp: A string of 20 o 30 plain yelps that means that you are lost. Turkeys are flock birds so this is a good one to let a gobbler know that there is a body out there. Can also call in hens and jakes.

Purr: Best done with a slate or diagram call this sounds means that you are satisfied & content and is another reassuring sound that things are all okay.

Thrashing the leaves: When turkeys walk or feed they make sounds in the leaves. One of my favorite sounds once a gobbler has heard me & is gobbling at me to come to him. Instead of me acting interested & answering him I instead just ignore him by feeding, thrashing the leaves plus perhaps clucking & purring here & there. This frustrates gobblers.

Silence: One of the very BEST killer sounds to be made in the turkey woods. Let the gobbler know that you're a hen in the area then be quiet & wait no matter how much he gobbles at you. Of course, he may approach silent also so keep your eyes open!
Deadly!

** Speaking of beautiful mounts most of the birds that I kill are in beautiful condition. In fact of the 42 Gobblers & 1 bearded hen that I have killed only a handful of mine have not been beautiful. My secret is that once I shoot and knock a gobbler down I don't just let it flop around. Instead, I get to it as fast as I can (even if it is just lying there still) and grab the gobbler by both feet. I then hold it with its chest towards me and wait. If the gobbler isn't already flapping, it will soon start to flap its wings. Just hold him out in front of you, up off the ground and wait until the wings stop flapping. The gobblers head should be pointing down while this happens. If the head is raised up the gobbler may still have some spunk left. Don't let go of the gobbler if his head is up as it may leave the area! If you let the gobbler flop, it will damage many feathers. I have only seen 2 gobblers that when shot stayed still and didn't start flopping around.



*** Have a taxidermist already picked out if doing a full mount. In the Phoenix Metro area Top Knot, Taylor-Made & Wings Taxidermy are good choices. Most towns in Arizona outside of Phoenix with taxidermist are also okay. In New Mexico be careful. I will hold back on saying names however check the reviews of the taxidermist on the computer and stay away from the ones that have BAD reviews.

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March 5-7 - Junior Jack Kamp-AZSCI: Jackrabbit Camp for jr. Hunters that have completed Hunter Education. Learn about jackrabbit biology, basic hunting skills, cleaning & cooking jackrabbit. Location: Three Points, southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A. Host: SCI-AZ Chapter. Info: Bobby Boido, azsci@yahoo.com 520-490-8367.

March 16-Turkey Hunting Seminar-CHA: Expert hunting tips. Calling and how to's. Raffles, auctions and door prizes, refreshments, etc. Seating is limited. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a raffle. Location: Calvary Comm. Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy. Phx. (west entrance) Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. Host: Christian Hunters of America. Info. David, davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org or 602-309-3430.

April 16-18 – Becoming an Outdoors Woman Camp – For adult women in a fun safe, environment. Learn fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping and more. Evening activities, meals and lodging. Fee required. Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott. Host: AZ.AZ. Wildlife Federation. Register: www.azwildlife.org/bow, (480) 201-7465, bow@azwildlife.org

April 15-18 -Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial: Learn to hunt AZ wild turkeys in this mentored camp, seminars, outdoor skill activities & camping. Meals provided. Location: Happy Jack Area: Units 6A, 5A, 5B. Host: NWTF, AZ Wildlife Federation, Xtreme Predator Callers Contact: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com www.nwtfarizona.org

April 15-18 – Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial: Learn to hunt AZ wild turkeys in this mentored camp, 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 www.nwtfarizona.org

April 15-18 -Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Units 1/27 Marvin Robbins Memorial: Learn to hunt AZ wild turkeys in this mentored camp, seminars, outdoor skill activities & camping. Meals provided. Location: White Mountains Area near Crescent & Big Lake area.

. Host: Youth Outdoors Unlimited., NWTF, AZ& Rocky Mtn. Elk Society. Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

****MULTI-CLUB HUNT RESULTS: Arizona Predator Callers, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers.**

PVCI MONTHLY SKILLS HUNT REPORT

JANUARY CLUB HUNT:

1st place Craig B with 6 coyotes

2nd Place Shawn G & Mark M. (?)

FEBRUARY (Extra Points for Handgun, Muzzleloader, Archery) CLUB HUNT: :

1st place Craig B & Wayne W. with 1 coyotes

HUNT PICS



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Eddie M.



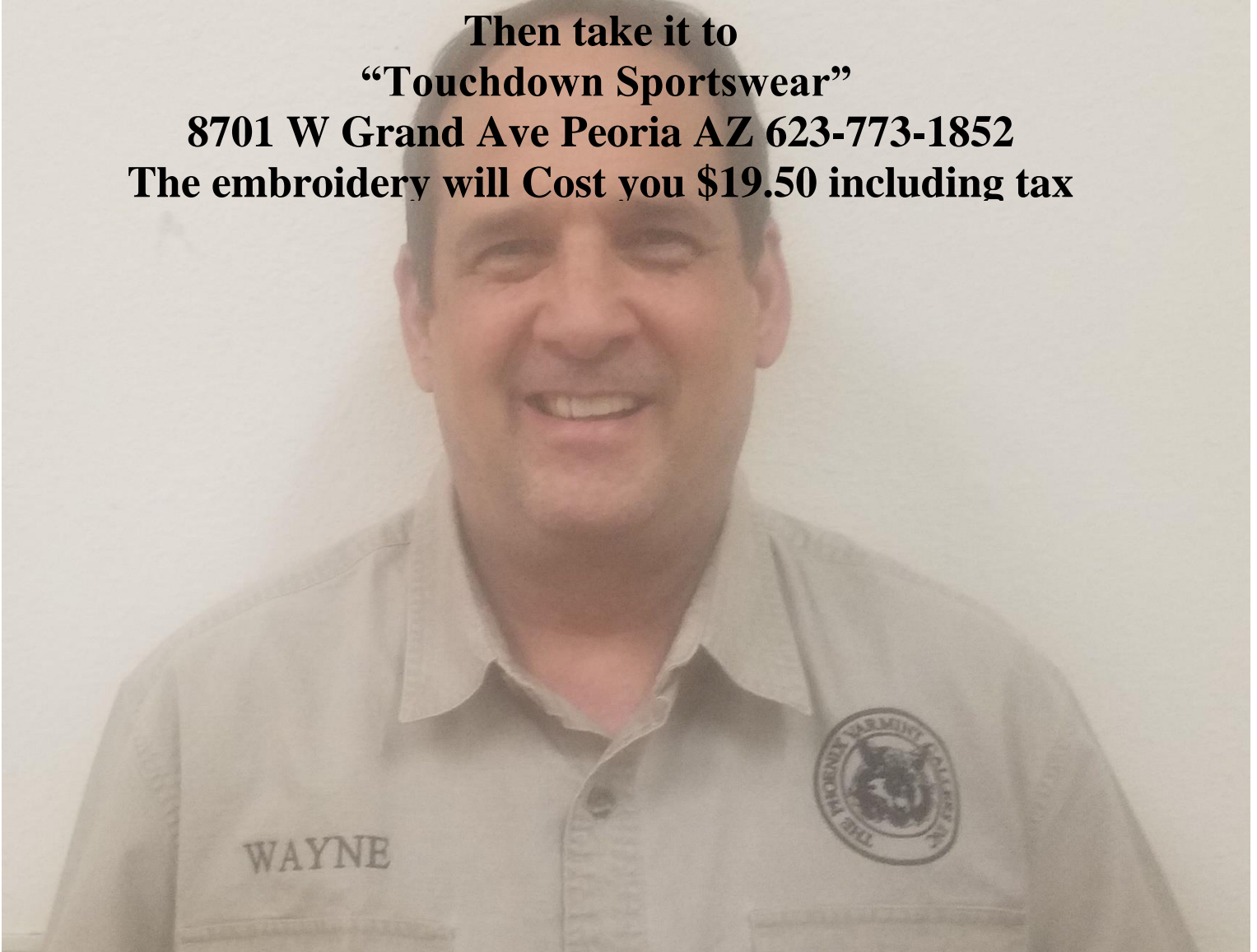
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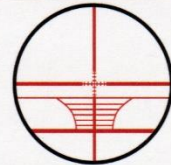
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