

# Predator Tales

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

July 12,

We are in the process of planning our big event for the year, the PSCI Annual George Knox Predator Boot Camp. If you are interested in volunteer please let Wayne W. know as he is heading it up. If you are not interested in volunteering, come anyway and enjoy the cool weather and networking opportunities.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members who are so willing to help when ever we ask. It is much appreciated to all of us on the Board for your assistance and help.

Craig B, President

Need mentors for boot camp, contact Craig if Interested.

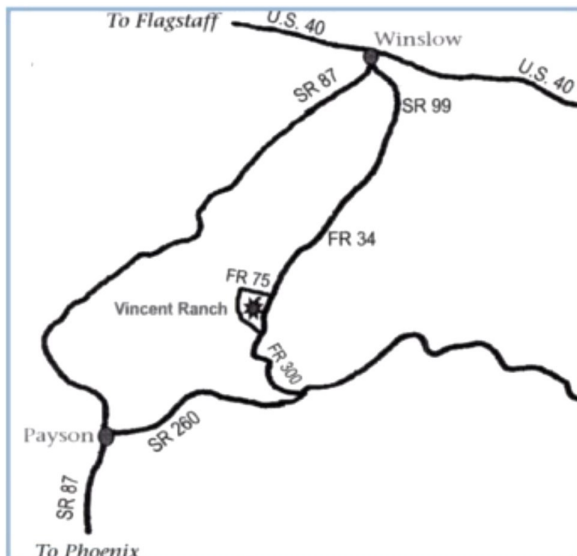


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## Boot Camp August 1—3, 2025. Vincent Ranch.

Saturday seminars begin at 7:00 am and will focus on predator calling and a variety of other topics. We will pair off after lunch to put novices and mentors together to go out on a live hunt.

Be sure to bring a comfortable stool or chair for the seminars and hunting, as well as sunscreen and a hat. We get both sun and rain, so please plan accordingly. Meals are provided Friday night through Sunday morning, and we have porta-johns on site.



Tent and truck camping spots are available at Vincent Ranch, but trailers and RV will have to park at the group site before you enter Vincent Ranch.

You are encouraged to not bring pets, but if it is unavoidable, they will have to be on a leash.

Please make sure to register as soon as possible as the event always fills up. You can register on the AZ Game and Fish website.

Hope to see you all there.

Note: Trail clearing will take place on Friday morning before camp opens.

# PVCI Annual BBQ—Moqui Draw

Everyone had a great time camping and enjoying the cool air at the PVCI BBQ that was held on the weekend of May 17, 2025. The weather was perfect for the shooting competition on Saturday. Of course, Gary M. took all the first places in the Men's competition. We all need to practice up before next year, so that we can have a chance at a 1st place.

The competition consisted of the 22 pistol, 22 rifle, gong shoot and bowling pin shoot. We didn't have enough people that wanted to shoot muzzleloader or archery (maybe next year). Gail B and Patricia were the only women competing.

Hope you all  
come out next  
year.





# CALIBER HIGHLIGHTS— 450 Bushmaster

Wayne W

This month we're covering the Good, the BAD, and the Ugly on the 450 Bushmaster! As my kids might say, "THAT BOY IS THICK!!" I've got to admit, picking up one of these bad boys reminds me of grabbing a roll of LIFE-SAVERS! Only maybe a little heavier...?? Maybe GIRTH is the right word?

The 450 Bushmaster (450BM) was designed in 2007 and has been in production since 2009. Based on the .284 Winchester parent case, it features a rebated case and straight walls. Standard loading has a 245-260 grain bullet exiting the barrel at about 2200 fps. This cartridge was originally developed for hunting



big game out to 250 yards and is a favorite for hogs in the open, or in heavy cover, or out beyond 200 yards! It literally tells the prey, hey this spot right here is a good spot, why don't you take a dirt nap right here! No need to go anywhere else!



**The GOOD** - Very good accuracy and crazy knock-down power out of a bolt action rifle. The 450 Bushmaster has about the same trajectory as throwing a 5lb bag of flour, but within the 250 yard range it hits like a freight train. All joking aside, I found this cartridge to be surprisingly accurate out to 225 yards without too much holdover. Shooting Craig B's CVA rifle, I found recoil was significant, but manageable with the muzzle break included with the rifle. Accuracy was remarkable as I was able to hit a steel gong 4/5 times in a heavy wind and it almost rocked the steel plate off its legs. At the advertised 2200 fps,

shooting a 250 grain bullet, If you zero your gun at 150 yds, it puts you about 2' high at 100, and 5" low at 200. So knowing when you're crossing beyond 200 yards is

important. The good news is the accuracy is there and the knock-down power is impressive. I should probably add right here this might not be very friendly on small game?



**The BAD** - Available in an AR platform from BEAR CREEK ARSENAL. . . let me just save you the money and frustration right now. In an AR platform, the 450 uses a single stack magazine, while the 223 is a double stack with the rounds staggered nicely on top of each other.

## 2025 PVCI SPORTSMAN BINGO

Our next bingo game is scheduled for Sept 13, 2025 at the American Legion at 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Bingo Game prizes will be firearms. There will also be other side games to play for prizes. You can buy bingo packages on the website or at the door. There will 11 games. The first 10 will be regular bingo with firearms as prizes. The 11th game— game will be a 50/50 for cash. The prices for bingo games are as follows:

1 card per \$50.00    3 cards per game—\$100.00    6 cards per game -\$175.00

9 cards per game + 6 cards for the 11th game - \$250.00

1 card for 11th game - \$20.00

Bingo is from 2:00—6:00 pm Hope to see you all there.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Honey Mustard Glazed Trout

#### INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 pd whole trout

##### *Honey Glaze*

1/2 C Dijon mustard

1/2 C honey

2 tbsp soy sauce

1/2 C sesame oil or other natural flavor oil

##### *For trout*

Salt and black pepper to taste

2 tbsp sesame seeds

Fresh parsley

1/2 med. Lemon

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine mustard, honey, soy sauce and sesame oil in a small bowl and set aside.
  1. Season fish with salt and pepper
  2. Make a foil packet. Grease foil packets with olive oil and place the seasoned trout fillets inside (skin side down). Pour the honey mustard mixture over the trout fillets, leave some to brush more sauce before serving.
  3. Seal the foil packets securely. Arrange the foil packets on a baking sheet and place them in the preheated oven.
  4. Bake for appx 10 to 15 mins. Check after 10 min. The flesh should easily flake with a fork.
- Serve with remaining sauce, sprinkle with parsley and sesame seeds and lemon slices.

## CALIBER HIGHLIGHTS— 450 Bushmaster Continued

When purchasing mags, I have had absolutely horrendous success feeding with the suggested ACS Mags and found the standard AR Stoner mags fed (slightly) better and don't drag or gouge the sides of the shells nearly as bad as the suggested mags (but still jam a lot). A standard mag can be modified if necessary by filing a little material off the front where the round exits the magazine, although mine fed slightly (minimally slightly) better through a standard AR Stoner mag.

**THE UGLY**— Ammo for the 450 BM can get expensive in an AR15! I have not gotten to the point of reloading this cartridge yet as the excessive failure to feed and jamming have kept me guessing as to the cause. Two warranty returns to Bear Creek Arsenal, multiple testing runs to the desert, a boatload of shells, multiple phone calls later, and this thing still won't fire three consecutive rounds without a failure to feed. After a lot of discussion with BCA, I finally got an admission that while this is a fantastic and fun caliber, it is really better suited for a bolt-action platform and is troublesome in AR15 platform, however they claim it works fine for them and I'm on my own to figure it out. So much for the factory warranty!

I really do like this cartridge overall, and may still end up going the bolt-action or lever action route, but for now the AR15 in 450 BM is going in the back of the safe until I can figure it out on my own. Meanwhile. . . Maybe I can talk Craig into a game of who can hit the gong at 300?? Good shooting, be safe, and I'll see you at the Boot Camp in August!



## 2025 FISHING DERBY

ZHARA P.

The 2025 family fishing weekend was a great success with double the attendance of last year. There was Double prizes for everybody and plenty of food. It was a great weekend!

Canyon Point Campground was very clean and spacious and the weather was beautiful. Two of our members, Joe and Al were successful this weekend. Joe Took the lead on the most fish caught and Al took the lead on the biggest fish.

We also ad another family who did catch some little fish, but they chose to catch and release.

I think my personal favorite was the great discussion and the games that we had at this year's camp. I truly enjoy getting to know all of our club members more and more. I look forward to next year!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PHOENIX VAR- MINT CALLERS, INC

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July 16, 2025

PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 pm, Denny's 51st Ave & Thunderbird Rd.

Aug. 1, 2025

Trail Clearing

Aug 1—3, 2025

George Knox Memorial Predator Boot Camp  
Vincent Ranch

Aug 6, 2025

Club meeting 7:00—9:00 pm, American  
Legion post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr. Glendale

Aug 20, 2025

PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 3, 2025

Club meeting 7:00—9:00 pm, American  
Legion post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr. Glendale

Sept 6, 2025

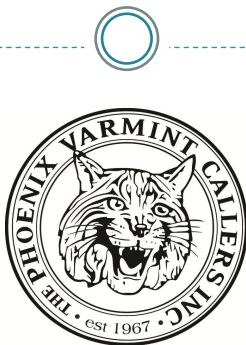
Novice Hunt

Sept. 13, 2025

Bingo—2:00—6:00 pm. American Legion  
20001 N. Cave Creek Rd.

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