March - April 2022



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Presidents Message – Ray K



Welcome to the end of the season PVCI!! Firstly I want say a big thank you to all that helped with the events this season. Thank you to Gary for running the Scramble hunts and Ron for cooking all those tasty meals! A huge thank you to all the people who came out to the events and all the hunts. A huge thank you to all who came out to support PVCI!

I want to encourage everyone to attend the last Scramble hunt and sign up with our Hunt Chairman Gary and if you need a team make sure you reach out to other members or speak with myself or other board members and we may be able to help. As well as the Scramble hunts we have the Disabled Veteran Hunt (DVPH) coming up March 25th to 27th and we need PVCI members to come out and help, please see myself or Ron to volunteer Information about the DVPH event will be posted and in the newsletter, any questions please feel free to ask myself or another board member. I look forward to seeing new volunteers willing to help these Veterans start to heal and return to the outdoors. Also, let's make our final Scramble hunt the most successful hunt of the season! Lastly, April is club elections so please provide any nominees for consideration to Ruth Strang and come out to vote at next month's meeting! Thank you for an amazing year PVCI!

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March Announcements:

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Send your info to pvcigroup@gmail.com



Steve & Kathi L. 29 Years March 3rd



Ruth S Birthday March 17th

March 2: General Club Meeting

- Fox Presentation—Mark Steinmann
- Officer & Board Member Nominations

March 4: Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting Region III https://www.azgfd.com/agency/commission/ meetingschedule/

March 6-7: Last PVCI Monthly Hunt





March 15: CHA Turkey Hunting Seminar: Free seminar teaching turkey hunting. Learn scouting, locating & calling these birds Raffles, auctions, door prizes, vendors, more. 15014 N. 56th St. #1 Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Seminars begin at 7:00p.m. PVCI will have a booth here. (Contact Ron H if interested in helping)

March 16: This is the 3rd Wednesday. **PVCI** Board Meeting https://pvci.org/future-events

March 18: Spring Bear Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/regulations/files/

March 24-27: International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE)

March 25-27: DVPH Veteran Hunt— We have partnered with Arizona Elk Society for the past 5 years providing veterans with a healing environment that will help them discover the outdoors and new friends and hobbies.

https://www.arizonaelksociety.org/heroes-rising-outdoors https://www.facebook.com/

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March 31: Bobcat, fox, raccoon, badger, weasel, ringtail, coatimundi & Gunnison's Prairie Dog seasons end. https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/regulations/files/



April Announcements:

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John T Birthday April 1st



Ivan & Sarah C 16 Years April 14th

April 2-3: AZGFD Expo—PVCI will have a booth here **April 6:** General Club Meeting

- Officer & Board Member Elections
- The 6-Month Hunt will end at the April Monthly Meeting. Get all your Proof of Kills turned in by the end of the meeting to get recorded for the season!

April 9: AES Annual Banquet Mesa Convention Center 263 N Center ST. Mesa, AZ.

April 15-17 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp-Marvin Robbins Memorial: Host: NWTF, AZ Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc, Get all the info here......

https://www.arizonaelksociety.org/youth-turkey-camp Interested in becoming a mentor contact: Rich Williams at azgobbler60@gmail.com www.nwtfarizona.org

April 20: 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting https://pvci.org/future-events







It's that time again.

Elections April 6, 2022 @ General Meeting



Officers - 1 Year Term

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Corresponding

Secretary

Recording Secretary

Board Members - 3 Year Term

The PVCI Officers & Board Members are the decision making core of PVCI & 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 PVCI 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 for Conservation & education. 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 welcome to nominate yourself.

President: 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 PVCI 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.



May Announcements:

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Birthday May 16th





Speaker to be determined

May 13-15: PVCI Club Barbeque Campout



MEMBER REVIEW— Charles Daly—AR-12S SEMI-AUTO SHOTGUN



https://www.charlesdaly.com/product.php?id=689

This month's product review gave me the chance to scratch that itch I've had since acquiring this firearm at a recent PVCI meeting This is the Charles Daly 12 GA—Semi Auto in an AR15 format—Or AR12 as the product listing suggests.

The CD Defense AR-12S is a gas-operated Shotgun featuring a 19.7" barrel with a Modified Beretta/Benelli Mobile choke, and is chambered in 3" 12 gauge. It also has an adjustable comb, carry handle, and adjustable front and rear sights, and comes with a 5-round magazine. MSRP at the time of this writing is \$517.00, although a quick buy on Gunbroker will only set you back a little over \$300. With the composite stock, it brings this varmint stopper up to a whopping 7.5lbs. The overall feel in the field is much lighter than I'm accustomed to, for something capable of firing 3" magnums in rapid succession.



The micro-cushion recoil pad on the rear of this fire breathing dragon reminds you of just how much recoil a 3" varmint load can muster, or as one of my sons put it "It's like your soul leaves your body for about 3 seconds", and while the firearm seemed to handle the pressure without issue, I'm not sure my shoulder would agree. Although the light weight made me really consider this might be a good candidate if I were to try carrying a shotgun into the field for when that "perfect spot" catches your eye.



For my friends that have not yet tasted the sweet ambrosia that is single projectile accuracy, the AR12S was nearly flawless in feeding 2-3/4" rounds in "fleeing coyote" mode, with only one failure to feed in the first 50 rounds of rapid fire. (Qualifier that this firearms is not considered broken in yet) It also fired the 3" magnums fairly well, ejecting the spent hulls 8 feet into the air and nearly 35 ft away into the brush, and unfortunately tearing the rim off the high-brass cases, making them non-reloadable.

With the AR style set up, in order to hit my target I had to raise the rear sight to max, bottom out the front sight, and remove the rear cheek pad piece completely, so this might be a great candidate for removing the front sight, and adding a red-dot, but once I got used to it the sights and the heavy trigger pull typical in many shotguns, I had a hard time putting the gun down.

With all of it's shortcomings, for an entry level, light weight, semi-auto, this gun is just so much fun to shoot, so reliable, light weight and easy to carry, AND the option to use adjustable chokes and a slip on recoil pad, it just might become my next brush gun...assuming I can leave the 3 magnums at home!!

Members: Now that you have joined PVCI. What's the Next steps?



Info for new members

Where to start. Come to meetings, say hi. Build relationships. Ask lots of questions. Many people are cautious to take someone out shooting without getting to know them first. The Club has many activities each year that gives you a chance to take part in and get to know one another. Join in these activities. There are lots of exciting things to do in this club. Starting in April when most fur bearing seasons are shut down we do family fun events such as a Barbeque Campout, Trail Clearing and Fishing Derby. Then in Aug when Fur bearing season opens up we do a Predator Boot Camp (Pictured Below), this is where you have the best opportunity to partner up with a mentor. Predator Boot Camp is part of partnership with (AES) Arizona Elk Society, (APC) Arizona Predator Club & (AZGFD)





LEARN OUTDOOR SKILS: 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) & 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 117-123 of the 2021/2022 AZ. Hunt Regs. You'll note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more information. Consider helping at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. I go as a PVCI member & often wear my PVCI T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for me to volunteer to help get someone hooked hunting.









MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

Please, do not forget to renew you membership to stay a current PVCI Member! The fee to renew remains \$35 and should be made payable to PVCI. Send payment to PVCI 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: Contact Ruth S. 602-524-3586.

You can also pay at https://pvci.org/membership

PVCI Membership Count: 92 PVCI Welcomes New Members:

Tyler Alan, Shaun Fagerlie, Joel Saikin



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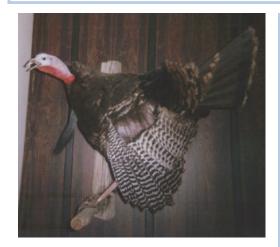
SPRING TURKEY – 10 WAYS TO HELP GET YOUR GOBBLER

By Eddie M



Many are those who venture forth in the spring on a gobbler quest. Many also are those that go home without a bird, again. Yes, for some this hunt has the same results (no harvested bird) again & again. Why? What are you doing wrong? Of course we don't always harvest critters on our hunts however if you are consistently coming up empty because you are doing the same thing each year and not learning anything new, then maybe you need to change something? Here are some tips to go over in your mind. As you read them ask yourself, "Am I doing that?" "Am I doing that?" Hope this helps. **If at all possible, try to scout your area before the season begins. In fact you might even try a visit during the month of March or early April when the first gobbling peak occurs. Spend at least a morning just moving around and listening. Try to locate as many gobblers as you can. Often these birds are territorial and will stage themselves. Hear one in a certain location and often he won't be far come season. Also you will learn which way they tend to head when they come off the tree. If you can, wake up more than one morning in different locations and try to spend the rest of the day, walking, listening, locating water sources and checking for other signs of activity from the birds.





- ** Learn not only how to identify turkey sign but also learn where to look for it. Look & remember where you find tracks, droppings, flipped over cow patties and scratching in the leaves where the birds have gone through. Key areas I check include right down the middle of pathways and dirt roads and the sides of both, plus flat open areas with green grass. Waterholes are also excellent places to check for tracks & droppings unless I am hunting there. You see once I find sign, I either pick it up or wipe it out. I do this so that other hunters will think the area void and keep going
- ** I also look for certain terrain features. I like turkey bumps. Turkey bumps to me are tree-covered medium to large hills with some open spaces on them here and there. I also like ridges that drop down into walk able canyons and to me there is something about hunting an area where the oaks already have green leaves on them that seems to attract the birds.
- **You should be proficient with at least 2 of the various types of turkey calls although knowing how to use one call well will work. The important thing to know is what you are saying when you call. Do you know what a cluck, purr, whine, yelp and putt mean?
- ** Make sure you pattern your shotgun, use turkey loads of 5 or 6 shot. Most of the birds that I know of that were shot & got away from friends, etc. almost without fail used #4 turkey loads. Marvin Robbins didn't like 4's either as he said that they could kill a man.

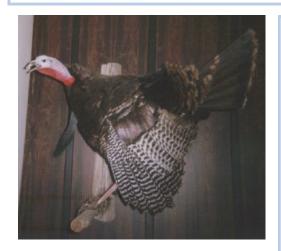
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- ** My main call is an aluminum slate however I also want a diaphragm or mouth call in my mouth. When using a friction call such as a slate or box, you can either call or point the gun. You can't do both. So I will use the slate until the gobbler gets close then I have to put the slate down and get the gun up before the gobbler shows. Once the gobbler is close, with the gun up I may if needed cluck with the mouth call (no body movement needed) here & there to make him think the hen is close. That is the purpose of my mouth call, to be able to make noise when the gobbler is close without movement.
- **The gun should already be up & pointed in the direction that you think the gobbler will appear when the gobbler shows. If he shows up in a different location or catches you not ready DON'T MOVE while the gobbler is looking. Have patience & move while the gobbler's head is behind something. It is very, very rare to outdraw a wild turkey gobbler.
- **When you do shoot, DO NOT aim for the head, it moves way too much. I either aim for mid-neck or where the neck meets the body (Not too low as you may hit the beard). Also do not shoot a gobbler while it is in full strut as not only can the feathers deflect the shot, you may also take out those beautiful tail feathers that make a mount so beautiful.





- ** Speaking of beautiful mounts most of the birds that I kill are in beautiful condition. In fact of the 33 Gobblers & 1 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 laying 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 wing 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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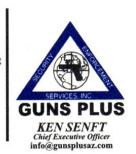


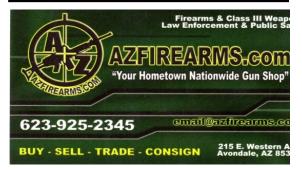




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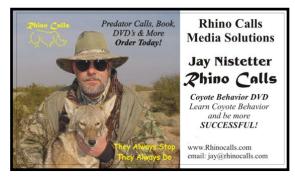




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