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#### **Presidents Message**

#### Christmas Holiday Party Dec 8, 2021 7:00—9:00.

Please remember to ask businesses for items to put into the holiday auction. If anyone needs a letter to show our tax code, please feel free to reach out to me. Any donations should be turned into an officer or board member so we can properly catalog and price items before the holiday event. The entry fee is \$10.00 per Adult & \$5.00 for anyone 12 years under! You get a Catered Meal with all the fixings, and a cash Bar. We need to know how many will be coming so please!! Contact the Event Organizer Gail 623-582-1600 or email: <a href="mailto:Cbgb1072@cox.net">Cbgb1072@cox.net</a> or call Ray @ 480-294-7676

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

Do you have a story to share about your predator-calling or other story? Well I 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!. 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 **PVCI** Members, please get involved, it can be so much fun!!!

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#### PVCI CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK/AUCTION COMING DEC. 8, 2021 by Ken E.

You are ALL invited to the PVCI Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. The location is 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, the American Legion Hall Post 29 in Glendale, AZ. our regular Monthly Meeting place, the Christmas Party taking the place of the regular Meeting. The entry fee is \$10.00per Adult \$5.00 for anyone 12 years under! You get a Catered Meal with all the fixings, and a cash Bar. All food/water donations are donated to the Desert Mission Food Bank by members Gary A.M. & Ginger. Any donation of 10 cans or more will receive an Extra raffle Ticket. Dinner will be a "Catered Affair" & we ask you the members to bring money for the Silent Auction and raffles. The PVCI Christmas Party is a Major Fundraiser for PVCI. We need to know



how many will be coming so please!! contact the Event Organizer Gail 623-582-1600 or email: <a href="mailto:Cbgb1072@cox.net">Cbgb1072@cox.net</a> or call Ray @ 480-294-7676. <a href="mailto:PVCI Members">PVCI Members</a>, WE NEED YOUR HELP AND WILL TAKE YOUR GOOD NEW OR USED Donated items, Including, Services, Hunts, etc.). Donations for are being accepted now for the silent auction.

Please make sure that they work and not broken!!

P.S. If you do have some good items (outdoor or not, this is a Fund-Raiser) that you'd like to donate <u>PLEASE</u> e-mail Ray K. at <u>ray.keenan@gmail.com</u> or call 480-294-7676\_ Gail 623-582-1600 or email: <u>Cbgb1072@cox.net</u> and plan to try to get the items to them BEFORE the Christmas Party! If you don't, that is okay, yes, we will still take the Donation! It will just make it a little easier on Gail & Ray if done before.

This should be a good night of seeing some familiar faces & celebrating the Christmas Spirit! Hope to see you!

#### **Info for new members**

If you just come to all of the meetings for one year, you will learn how to hunt, what to hunt with and where to find what you are hunting for. If you become active in the club members will take you out with them and provide personnel guidance. The Club has many activities each year the board member oversees, but they need help!!!! Volunteer to assist them, learn what it takes to do the trail clearing, or fishing derby. Help set up the Christmas party! Every board member needs help!

#### Your New Membership Chairman is Ken E.



Let him know your contact info to get club info to You!!!!

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#### \*\*\* PVCI MONTHLY GUN\*\*\*

The Gun for November will be a.

The Gun for December will be a Surprise!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Trapping Season Opens statewide. No leg-hold traps allowed on public land. Cage Traps okay. Check Regs.
- Nov. 5 Rifle Bear Season Opens in Hunt Units 4A, 5A. Check Hunting Regs
- Nov. 2 Desert Scaup Season Opens. Check Hunt Regs.
- **Nov. 3** -The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. **PVCI** Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00p.m.
- Nov. 3 Deadline to enter PVCI's 6-Month Skills Hunt.
- Nov. 6-7-PVCI Monthly Skills Hunt!
- Nov. 7 Blue Grouse Season closes, Check Regs.
- Nov. 17 This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting: Barro's Pizza 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy 7:00p.m.
- Nov. 19 Late Dove Season opens statewide. Junior Javelina Season opens in some Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Nov. 19 Youth Only Javelina Season opens in Select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.
- Nov. 29 Successful Spring 2019 Hunt Permits (Javelina, Turkey, Bison) should be mailed out by now.
- Dec. 1 Daylong Shooting Hours for Coyotes open in many Hunt Units. Check Hunt Regs.
- Dec. 3 Mearns Quail Season opens statewide, limit 8 Mearns. Check Hunt Regs
- Dec. 8 PVCI Annual Christmas Party/Potluck/Fundraiser Doors open at 6:30p.m. 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ.
- Dec. 10-11- Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meeting. 9140 E 28th St Yuma, AZ call 928-342-0091
- Dec. 11-12 PVCI Monthly Skills Hunt.
- Dec. 15 This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board of Directors Meeting: Barro's Pizza, 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy 7:00p.m.
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas to ALL! & Happy Birthday Jesus!!!
- Dec. 31 All Bear & most Squirrel Seasons end. Check your Hunt Regs.

#### . \*\*\* NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL

**MEMBERSHIP to stay a PVCI Member!** To receive an e-mail Newsletter, you MUST send your info to <a href="mailto:pvcigroup@yahoo.com">pvcigroup@yahoo.com</a> Once you receive the E-Mail copy you will be notified by E-Mail when your Membership is due. Please submit proper payment to keep your Membership current. The fee to renew remains \$25 and should be made payable to **PVCI**. Send payment to **PVCI** c/o **Membership Chairman**, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. For new members the fee is \$35, and forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Contact Ken E.

#### **PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT:**

#### PVCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

HAPPY ANNIVERSAY to: Jim & Chris. K.



Married 41 years -Nov 15th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to: Frank & Linda B.



Married 57 years -Nov 1st

\*\*Would you like for your Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event to show here? Send your info to PVCI Website

http://www.pvci.org

Eddie M wrote this article in 2008 however I believe that it's a good time to bring it up again.

Welcome to the exciting world of predator calling! Hopefully by now you have had the "GOOD Fortune" to call & harvest some of the predators that Arizona has to offer. Have you missed any shots yet? If you have called in anything at all & had some shots, then chances are the answer is Oh Yeah! Some of them were probably pretty close too! Don't you wish you could hit the Do-It-Over-Again button and take back some of those shots over again? No matter who you are, some missed shots are just part of the norm for real lie calling/hunting situations. Why? It is just one of those things that happen. Let's go over some of the most common examples to see if you can identify with any of them. I have broken this down to shotgun & rifle scenarios.

**SHOTGUN:** Many inexperienced people can't believe that you can miss anything with a shotgun! Well it can & does happen. Some of the reasons why probably include:

- **#1) Shooting at the whole animal & not picking a spot:** This coupled with #2, #3 & #4 below are probably the most common reasons that most miss with a shotgun. Especially if the critter is close or the action is fast you tend to quickly raise your firearm, look at the critter & take a quick pop-shot instead of properly shouldering with the cheek on the stock.
- #2) Not fully shouldering the firearm: Thus not getting the cheek fully on the stock & lining everything up.
- #3) Not putting the bead on the animal or in front of the animal if it is moving: (Self-explanatory).
- #4) Shooting too quick, hurrying the shot: Again because you rushed things, you DID do #1, 2 & 3 above & missed!
- **#5**) **Stopping the swing on the follow through:** Running shots will probably be the most difficult shots, especially with a rifle. The same principles apply as in bird hunting as far as swing the firearm to, past and through your target. It is really hard to take a pop-shot when you do this.
- #6) Shooting at a critter that is too far away: This can happen with a shotgun, more so if you are inexperienced. Many will see an approaching critter and watch as it stops right on the border of or in what appears to be within range. Also many of the inexperienced do not know their weapons limitations and thus shoot just as soon as they see the approaching critter, no matter what the range. My longest shots that harvested coyotes with a shotgun were at 65 steps with 3 inch #4 Buckshot and at 54 steps with 3 inch Copper plated BB's. I do not advise these ranges for everyday shooting though. On the other hand, sometimes chancing a long shot is just going to happen. I mean if you don't pull the trigger, then you really won't have any chance at harvesting the critter. There are limitations and common sense needs to be considered when using the shotgun however sometimes you just have to try. There is technology nowadays that can extend your shotgun range. These include the 3-1/2" shells, various choke tubes and the "Dead Coyote" shot & choke tube combinations. I have heard of killing 80-yard shots on coyotes & turkeys with this "Dead Coyote" system.
- **#7) Not enough ammo in the weapon:** Probably happen because you didn't reload after having some action on the last stand. After having some action on a stand where you have fired shots, ALWAYS Remember To Reload for the next stand!
- #8) Firearm unloaded: This does happen; you probably forgot to load up when you left the vehicle or forgot to put a round into the chamber. If unsure check your chamber & pockets.

**RIFLES:** They are great under the right circumstances. You can harvest critters from close up on out to the long range of several hundred yards. They often kill efficiently or if nothing else leave a good blood trail to follow. I prefer rifles for the big-game species like the mountain lions & bears while for the other 3 predators, the coyote, the fox & the bobcat, I prefer the shotgun as some caliber can over-kill your harvest and ruin the fur. In these days of \$35 foxes & \$300 & \$400 bobcats, believe me you don't want ruined fur! Some of the more common causes for missing with a rifle include:

Not even able to find the critter in the scope because critter is too close or the action is too fast: In my opinion a lot more beginning callers would make a lot more of their shots IF they would just use a shotgun as their main weapon. Too many times, at least in the habitat types that I frequent, the action is often so close, fast & furious that there just isn't any time to find even one critter in the scope & there might be multiples! I have had more than one rifle slinger convert to the shotgun after just one good weekend. You can always move to a rifle later in your calling career but for starting out, the shotgun will help you make more shots (again in my opinion).

**Too Much Magnification Up Close:** Self-explanatory- You were at the rifle range & had the scope turned way up or looked at something far away. Now there's a fox 12 steps away looking at you & you can't even find it because you forgot to turn the scope back down to a reasonable level. This happens & I guess its part of having a variable-powered scope. My rifle has a straight 4X scope & I've killed antelope out past 300 yards & foxes at only 4 steps. I've also missed running coyotes at 6 steps with it trying to find them in the scope. They would have probably died with a shotgun.

Too excited when the crosshairs are on the critter, a case of "predator fever," too shaky: It's normal to get excited however you need limits, you need to stay focused. Try finding your target in the scope, pick a spot, take 3 deep breaths & then hold your breath while you center the crosshairs on a spot of our target & slowly squeeze the trigger. It should be a surprise when the shot goes off. Keep your form after the shot (follow through). You CAN make this shot count.

**Rifle not zeroed properly:** This is probably one of the biggest solvable problems. Hunters, if you would just go to the range & make sure that you are hitting where you are aiming, then you really would kill a lot more critters at all ranges.

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

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- 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;
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- 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).

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#### October Club Hunt by Ronald Hoffbauer Hunt Chairman

Even though I wasn't able to be at check in, I was glad to hear that the turn out for the October Club Hunt was better. Four teams plus another club member came in.

**First place** with 6 coyotes was Craig B and Wayne. They placed first because they came in before the second-place team thereby breaking a tie.

**Second place** with 9 fox was Mark S and Nathan S.

**Third place** with 4 coyotes was Mark M and Shawn G. They place third because they came in before fourth place team

**Fourth place** with 4 coyotes was Ken E and Joe S. Joe S is a new club member.

New members and novices take note. Get out there and hunt.

Everyone is welcome to come to the check-in and have a bit to eat and see how the groups did. You just might find someone that will take you out next month!



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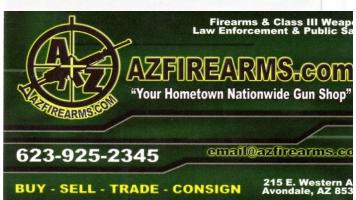




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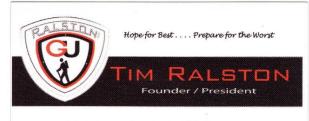


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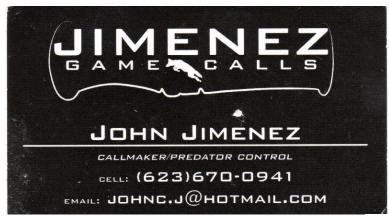
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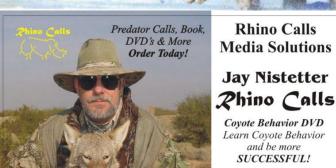




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