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Presidents Message

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. Next month is a disabled veteran Predator Hunt and we still need volunteers to help out. Please contact myself or Ron Haffbauer if you are interested or have any questions. This month's Scramble Hunt had to be moved due to the holiday and will be on the weekend of the 11th and 12th. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for the new hunting season, and I look forward to hearing everyone's exciting stories.

Things to Know:

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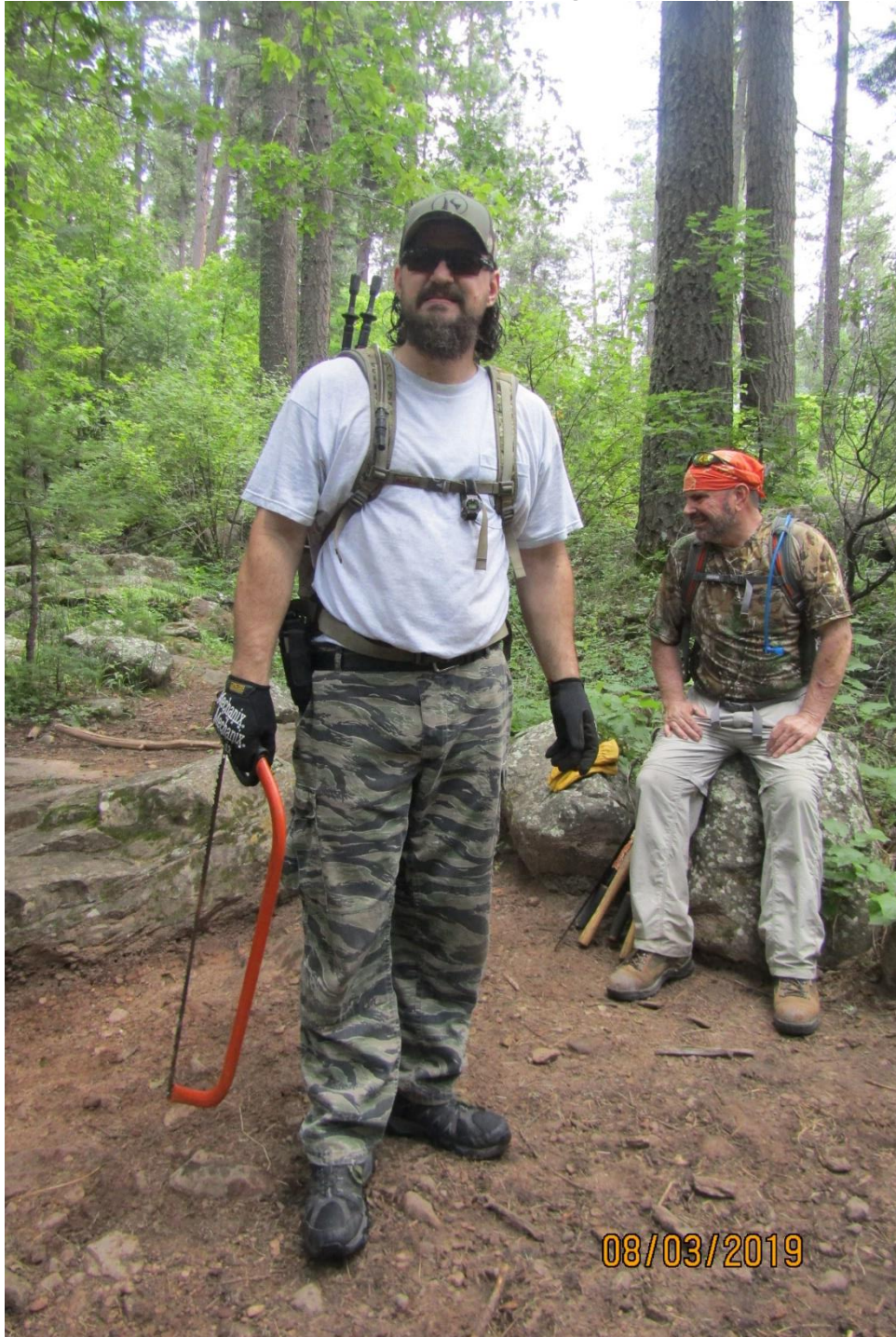
*****TO SUBMIT A STORY OR ANYTHING TO THE "PREDATOR TALES" NEWSLETTER*****

Do you have a story to share about your predator-calling or other story? Well 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! Simply write down and hand your story to me at a Monthly Meeting or e-mail 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 **PVCI** Members, please get involved, it can be so much fun!!!



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See Canyon Trail Clearing in July 2021



Last Month's EVENT: PPCI Predator Boot Camp

A BIG thank you to [Ricardo Garcia](#) and the support of the Board for all the hours behind the scenes making this bootcamp possible! The hours and organization it takes to organize one of these events is HUGE!

Also a huge call out to Arizona Elk Society volunteers for all the long hours spent in the kitchen supporting our club. The food was nothing short of AMAZING! Every meal was better than the one before. Thank you all for making this year an event to remember!!

The Arizona Raptor Center always puts on an amazing presentation.



More Boot Camp Pictures



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Christmas Party and the Disabled Predator Hunt is coming up soon.

Reminder, Any donations should be turned into an officer or board member so we can properly catalog and price items before the Christmas Holiday Event. **We are a 501C3 charity!** Please get a valuation of all donations and a business card, so that the club can send them a recite with the tax info for deductions.

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! I need help with the newsletter, and I am sorry if I have misspelled anything, or if my grammar is wrong. Eddie was great and I miss his input.

*** PPCI MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for September will be a.
The Gun for October will be a Surprise!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 1– This is the 1st Wednesday, PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th 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

Sept. 1 – Dove, Blue Grouse, Chukar, Crow, Coatimundi, Tassel-eared Squirrel seasons open. Check Hunt Regs.

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Sept 2 – Archery Antelope Season ends.

Sept 3 – Rifle & Muzzleloader Antelope Seasons open.

Sept 4-5 **PPCI Novice Hunt.** The 1st official Hunt of the 2021-2022 Season. Each team must have a Novice to qualify.

Sept. 9 – Archery Deer Seasons close statewide. Check your Hunt Regs.

Sept. 10 – Archery Elk Season opens in many Hunt Units, Check your Hunt Regs.

Sept. 15 – This is the 3rd Wednesday, **PPCI Board of Directors Meeting, Barro’s Pizza 3053 W. Auga Fria Hwy.**

Sept. 24-25 - AZG&F Commission Meeting Region One 2878 E White Mountain Blvd. Pinetop 928-3674281

Sept. 23– Archery Elk Season Ends. Check your Hunt Regs.

Sept. 24- Early Rifle Bull Elk Hunt opens in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Oct. 6 - This is the 1st Wednesday, **PPCI Monthly Meeting, 6822 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ.** Sign-up for the 6-Month Hunt begins. Cost is \$20 per person. Only 1 or 2-Man Teams allowed in the Novice & Expert Category.

Oct. 1– Rifle Bear, Fall Turkey, Tree Squirrel Seasons open in select Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs.

Oct. 5-6 - **PPCI Monthly Hunt.**

Oct. 15 – General Quail Season opens statewide. Kofa & Imperial NWR opens for Coyote & Fox. Check your Hunt Regs.

. ***** NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP to stay a PPCI Member!** On Jan. 1st, 2018 the **PPCI Officers & Board** decided to do away with the hard copy Newsletter & **go to an on-line only issue.** To receive an e-mail Newsletter, you **MUST** send your info to 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 \$25 and should be made payable to **PPCI.** Send payment to **PPCI 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 Ray K.

PPCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: PPCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
James & Ruth S.



Married 26 years –Sept 9th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
Scott & Dorothy B.



Married 44 years -Oct 1st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:
Brent & Cindy F.

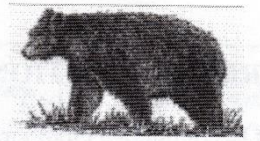


Married 11 years on Oct. 10

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GETTING AN ARIZONA BLACK BEAR ON YOUR WALL PRESEASON PREPRATION. 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. 9th bear season is just shy of 8 weeks away and the better Aug. 23rd 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. 9th 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!

*****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):

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- 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).

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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.

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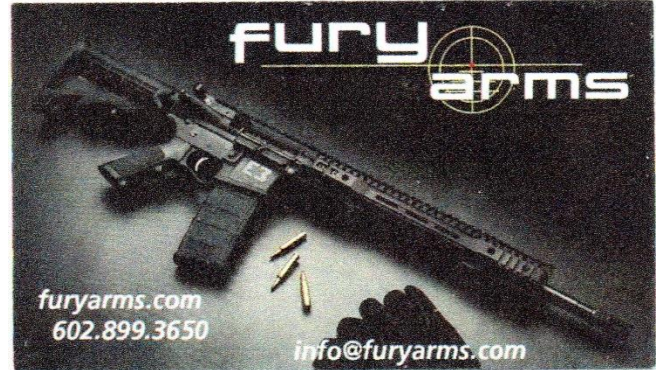
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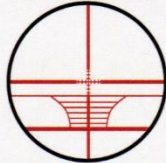
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