

Predator Tales

Presidents Message

Hope you all had a good hunting season now that it is winding down. Don't forget the few more hunts that are coming up.

The BBQ and Fishing Derby are coming up, so don't forget to mark your calendars. This coming year we will be looking to coming up with new ideas and events. If you have any suggestions, or would like to volunteer to help put on a event, please let us know.

Elections are coming up soon and we would like anyone who is interested in serving on the board to let us know. We would love to see some new faces on the board.

Volunteers are always welcome, so if you don't think you are quite ready to serve on the board, volunteer for a committee to work on an event.

Craig B, President



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2026 BINGO FOR GUNS

Our next bingo game is scheduled for April 11, 2026 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 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

\$10.00 Registration fee



2025 Holiday Banquet

By Mike O

This year's Holiday Banquet was a different experience for me since I ran it. There are a lot of moving parts that happen in the background that I didn't know about. Once we got the flyer out to the public, it's going all out from the end of August early September until the night of the event. We reached out to a little over one thousand vendors for donations. Keeping track of that was a feat in itself, as far as who did we talk to, who is sending something, and who told us to kick rocks.

Once it got closer to the night of the event, it was time to figure out what items would go where. Just imagine all the items that were at the event piled up in your living room. It was pretty overwhelming to see a giant pile of donations in the middle of my floor. Sorting all the donations into their prospective categories took several hours, but once that was done it was time to create all the bid sheets.

The day of the event was pretty exciting. After we loaded all the items in trucks to take to the hall we all meet to get everything set up. That's when you figure out you forgot to get this or that. Someone gets sent to the dollar store or wherever to get the last few things for the event. We started about 3pm and we just got finished with set up it was just a few minutes before the doors opened.

It was a pretty good turn out for the event. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. We had a pretty wide selection of items to bid on. We also had an FFL onsite so everyone that won a firearm



and had their CCW, they could get their paperwork done before the end of the night.

For the kids, Santa and Mrs. Clause made an appearance.

Overall, I think it went pretty well. There wasn't anyone coming to me with any problems. Special thanks to

all the volunteers and everyone that donated to the club. Any donation big or small did not go unnoticed.



Blue Rooster Hunt

By Mike O

One of the things I bid on and won from the banquet was the Blue Rooster Hunting Ranch hunt. The wife and I had a plan to get Zander a hog hunt for Christmas. Mission accomplished...

After talking to Gary, I called the Blue Rooster to schedule on the 2nd of January. It was a great hunt having a group of people that were hunting. Way more fun than just doing a one-on-one hunt.

The morning of we all met at the ranch to get ready to hunt. Of course there is the waivers that need signed. CYA on the Rooster's part, but understandably so. After we got the paper-work out of the way it was time to set out. Tom and the guys took us around the whole ranch to see what all was running around. We saw a ram hanging out by itself, and I think Zander wanted to get that one the second he saw it. We continued on to see what else was on the ranch. Zander asked me if I would be mad if

got a ram instead of a hog since the hunt was for a hog or a ram. I told him it was his hunt and he needed to make that choice. After making a sweep of the ranch and almost getting charged by a water buffalo, we made it back to the ranch house. We noticed that there was a group of rams on the move. Gary had his sights set on a 4 horn, and he was walking after it making a choice if he wanted that one or not. Gary pointed the one he wanted out to me and we all got back in the truck and side by side and started off to get Gary's ram and Zander's ram. Gary got his first, he used the truck as cover so the ram wouldn't run off before he got a shot off. His plan worked and he bagged his 4 horn with his 41-caliber pistol.

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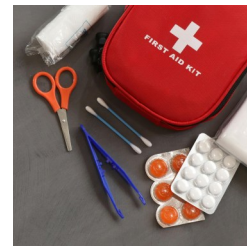


Club Meeting Topic Schedule

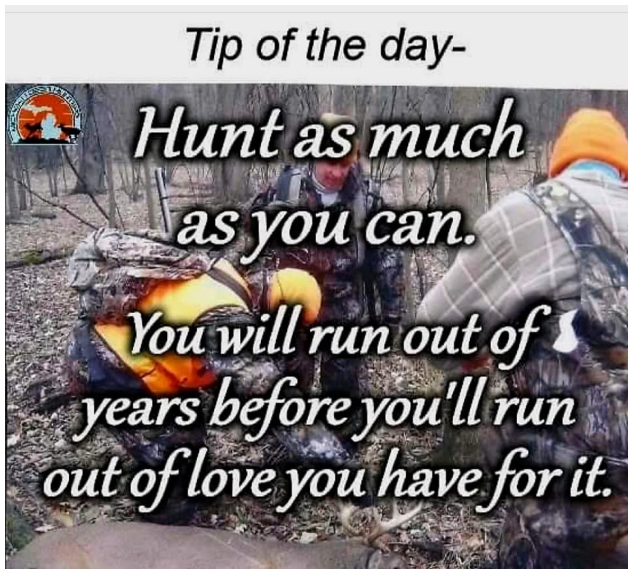
March Meeting—Muzzleloaders



April Meeting—Trauma Kits and First aid in the field



May Meeting—Dutch Oven Cooking



Blue rooster hunt Con't

by Mike O.



Now it was Zander's turn. He finally made the decision to go for the ram he saw first thing in the morning. It was still in the same area it hadn't moved to far from where we saw it earlier. The only difference was that it was really windy. Zander had his single leg shooting stick, but the wind was blowing him around. Someone had a 3 leg shooting stick for him to use. That helped but the wind was still crazy. We got the video rolling and the really cool part is you can here everyone cheering him on and giving pointers. The first shot hit the ram in the knee. Zander said he was aiming at it's shoulder. The ram ran a little bit and gave Zander another shot. The second shot dropped it where it stood.

Over all a great day of hunting. The other guys that came up with Gary all got a hog each. So, the tally was 2 rams and 3 hogs. Zander's grandparents were over joyed to receive multiple hearts and livers. We took Zander's hid and head to Hancock's Taxidermy in Talyor. So far, we have the head, but the hid we be a few more months before we get that back.





PHOENIX VARMINT CALLERS' OUTDOOR FUN FEST

MARCH 7, 2025

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cactus Park

3801 W. Cactus Rd.

Phoenix, AZ



FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

(KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

COME AND LEARN BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS, SUCH AS CAMPING, IDENTIFYING ANIMAL PRINTS, USING A COMPASS, SHOOTING, ARCHERY AND OTHER SKILLS.

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A MINIMUM COST.

Open to all friends and family members of the Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc.

Please register online at www.pvci.org - Registration Free

Upcoming events

Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc

Established in 1967 the Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc. has continually pushed for better conservation legislature and practices. As one of the oldest premier non-profit outdoor sportsmen and conservation organizations, we are committed to the safety and promotion of our sport.

February 18, 2026	PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 PM—IHOP 4201 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
March 4, 2026	Club meeting 7:00—9:00 pm, American Legion post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr. Glendale
March 7, 2026	Scramble hunt
March 7, 2026	PVCI Outdoor Family Fun Fest, 10:00—1:00, Cactus Park, 3801 W. Cactus Rd, Phoenix
March 18, 2026	PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 pm IHOP 4201 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
March 28 & 29, 2026	AZG&F Expo
March 28, 2026	AZ Elk Society Banquet 4:00 pm Mesa
April 1, 2026	Club meeting 7:00—9:00 pm, American Legion post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr. Glendale
April 11, 2026	Bingo for Guns, American Legion N, Cave Creek
April 15, 2026	PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 pm IHOP, 4201 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
May 6, 2026	Club Meeting 7:00—9:00, American Legion Post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr, Glendale, AZ
May 16, 2026	PVCI BBQ
May 20, 2026	PVCI Board Meeting 7:00 PM—IHOP 4201 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
June 3, 2026	Club Meeting 7:00—9:00, American Legion Post 29, 6827 N. 57th Dr, Glendale, AZ
June 6, 2026	Fishing Derby

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