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## The President's Message

by Craig Gombos, APC President



Hello everyone! It's down to the last of the season unless you like hunting in summer heat... I personally am not about to hunt in the heat or with snakes. However, there are some opportunities to go after lion in certain units.

So by now everyone should know if they got drawn for elk or antelope. I was lucky enough to have been drawn for cow elk in unit-10 with my wife as well. I'm very excited to take her out and get her 1<sup>st</sup> elk. I will definitely go scouting a few times prior to our hunt; probably take out some coyotes in the process! I'm thinking this will also allow me to get another rifle for the occasion, probably a 270 for my wife. If I do, I will get some work done to it like a trigger job and muzzle break, plus a good gel pad. You know, try and make it as easy as I can for her to enjoy it!

I hope a lot of you will try to make it to the club shoot out in April; it's a lot of fun. Also we have the last club hunt in May for the "Save-A-Fawn" hunt. Remember, you may only harvest coyotes! And maybe lions, if you have your tag and you're in a unit that allows you to take one!!!

We'll remember to bring cash for the gun raffles and door prizes! And I have yet to hear from anyone about what caliber rifle they would like to see next!!! Input would only make things nicer for all of us.

Thanks

*Craig*

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**If you have a hunting story  
you would like to share,  
please send it to:  
[editor@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:editor@azpredatorcallers.com)**

### Coming Events

General Meeting.....April 9, 2009  
APC Shootout.....April 11, 2009  
Board Meeting.....April 27, 2009  
Save-A-Fawn Hunt.....May 2-3, 2009  
General Meeting.....May 14, 2009

Monthly APC meetings are held at the  
Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa,  
from 7:00 pm until ??

### Treasurer's Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurer's report details all transactions from March 1 thru March 30, 2009

#### Checking Account

Beginning Balance.....	\$1,662.13
Check #1696 Legend Express.....	(134.00)
Check #1697 AJI, Raffle Rifles.....	(480.00)
Check #1698 John Albin, Postage.....	(63.00)
Check #1699 Kara Jensen, Badges.....	(46.85)
Check #1700 AWF, Feb Memberships..	(71.50)
Check #1701 Purchase Pwr, Postage..	(66.99)
Check #1702 Purchase Pwr, Postage...	(9.14)
Deposit Memberships .....	995.00
Deposit Cash.....	120.00
Ending Balance 3/30/09.....	\$1,905.65

#### Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....	\$142.11
Call Sales .....	\$9.00
Merchandise.....	\$1.00
Dues.....	\$60.00
Raffles.....	\$603.00
Deposits to Checking.....	(\$720.00)
Petty Cash End Balance.....	\$95.11

Total Cash.....\$2,000.76

#### Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$3,513.75

Total Assets.....\$5,514.51

#### APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out. Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.

- 1/10/08 Chuck Beshears.....Hunting Coyotes East and West
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull
- 5/8/08 Troy Simmons.....Hunting in the East
- 2/12/09 Kara Jensen...Alone in the Wilderness
- 1/8/09 Leon Lee.....Beyond Belief, How to Shoot Long Range
- 2/12/09 Dave Warren.....Operation Predator

Thanks *Jerry*



## April Meeting Program "Dan Carey"

The Arizona Predator Callers are hosting a seminar on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The meeting features a presentation by **Dan Carey**, of *Carry's Custom Rifles*. The seminar will discuss desirable features, break in, cleaning and caliber selection of rifles for predator hunting.

The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 East Main Street. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for non-members. Refreshments and door prizes are included in the admission price.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice President, at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.

## Raffles

Arizona Predator Callers are raffling off a Remington .243 and a Gamo pellet rifle. Tickets can be purchased at all monthly meetings. For more information on the raffle contact Mike Burris (his email address is located on the front page).

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# Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well it's that time again, I need your hunt records. Please turn them in at our meeting on April 9th. If you were unable to get out much and have nothing to report, just tell me in person or write it down on a slip of paper with your name. You can also fax it to me at 480-899-0975, or e-mail to [mosierds@yahoo.com](mailto:mosierds@yahoo.com). You can even send it snail mail to Dusty Mosier, 1621 N. Central Dr. Chandler, AZ 85224. Please let me know so I won't have to call you. If I don't hear from you I will call you!

I take all these records and summarize them into one, which will be in the May newsletter. Just some interesting statistics by unit number on the predators taken by our club this past year. I will also show the weapons used for each species.

Be sure to see page 5 for Save-A-Fawn Hunt information and the APC Shootout.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

*Dusty*

## Antelope Eaters Hunt Results

The Antelope Eaters Hunt took place March 7th and 8th with check-in at Seligman, AZ. This hunt was sponsored by the Mohave Sportsman Club.

Results: 56 Coyotes were taken on Saturday, March 7.

16 Coyotes taken on Sunday, March 8.

5 Fox taken

## Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

Welcome new members:

**Bob Logan** of Gilbert, **James Price** of Gilbert and **Hollis Flint** of Tempe

Thanks to:

**Harry Zweber, Lewis Scott, Kurt Zoeliner, Guido Robarti, Hank Gonzales, Rober Kingston and Craig Gombos** for renewing their memberships.

## Memberships Coming Up For Renewal

Name & Expiration Date	
Larry Eichman	3/1/2009
Louis Brudnock	4/1/2009
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Mike Hanna	4/1/2009
Walker John	4/1/2009
Barry Larson	4/1/2009
Don Llona	4/1/2009
Darren Lowe	4/1/2009
Jeff Serdy	4/1/2009
Zoran Vishjic	4/1/2009
Jeff Yost	4/1/2009
Kirk Griffin	4/3/2009
Thomas Blum	5/1/2009
Dusty Mosier	5/1/2009
Jerry Thorson	5/1/2009
Ken Waddill	5/1/2009
David Bulgrin	6/1/2009

*Your Arizona Predator Caller membership expiration date is on the mailing label at the right of your name. Make a note of it and please renew before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of Predator Pride.*

If you've let your membership with our club expire, please contact us. If you have any questions regarding your existing membership, please give me a call at **602-309-2517** or you can e-mail me anytime at: [membership@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com)



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## Hunt Calendar

(Dates subject to change)

APC Shootout.....April 11, 2009

Save-A-Fawn Hunt, Heber, AZ.....May 2-3, 2009

See page 5 for more information on these events.



**APC Member Mike Hanna was the proud winner of the Remington 870 Pump Super Magnum shotgun raffle at the March meeting. President Craig Gombos, on the right, made the presentation.**



**Mike Burris, Craig Gombos and Craig Barnett prepare to draw for door prizes with the assistance of Colton Bidegan, one of our young members.**

## **Barry Fifer Memorial Hunt Results**

The Second Annual Barry Fifer Memorial Hunt was held March 27, 28, and 29, 2009. 34 two man teams competed for the five top prizes.

**First Place** went to Team #15, **Sanchez and Montel**. They won with 4 coyotes, 5 foxes and 1 bobcat.

**Second Place** went to Team #9, **Miller and Jones**. Their take of 1 mountain lion was enough to surpass the rest of the teams for second place honors.

**Third Place** went to Team # 32, **Carr and Grose** with 5 coyotes. This was actually a tie in points with second place, but the mountain lion out weighed the largest coyote.

**Fourth Place** went to Team #1, **Westover and Westover**.

**Fifth Place** was Team #29, **Duran and Cash Jr.**

**Little Dog** was won by Team #34, **Craig and Stewart**

**Big Dog** went to Team #32, **Carr and Grose**

**First Loser** was won by the 6th place Team #10, **Woodruff and Boldizar**.

Total Harvest: 33 coyotes - 19 foxes - 2 bobcats and 1 mountain lion.

Heaviest coyote 31.58 pounds

Littlest coyote 13.20 pounds

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**Send your hunt photos to:  
editor@azpredatorcallers.com  
and we will show fellow members your  
"Success In The Field"**

**Thanks to Xtream Predator Callers Hunt Chairman Gordon K. for the information.**

# 2009 APC CLUB SHOOT OUT

**Saturday, April 11** will be the 2009 APC Club Shoot Out in Superior, AZ. Club members will have the opportunity to participate in both the rifle and shotgun competition this year. The event will start at 9AM and last until all members that wish to have competed.

The rifle and shotgun competition will each require 20 rounds. In the rifle competition you will be required to use the same firearm at each of the stations regardless of distance. Feel free to use bird shot in the shotgun competition.

**Directions** - Take the US60 East past Gold Canyon and Queen Valley to the town of Superior. As you enter the town make a right hand turn at W. Mary Drive and then another right at Telegraph Canyon Drive. This will take you South of town and out into the desert. From this point further watch for the APC Club Shoot Out signs to guide you to the area. GPS Coordinates- 33-15'52.11"N, 111-6'19.22".

# Save-A-Fawn Hunt

**Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3** will be the "Save-A-Fawn Hunt". Check-in will be from 7-9 pm Saturday night and from 12-2 pm on Sunday. Target hunt units are 4A and 4B. The location of the check-in will be on the same road as years past.

We will be providing dinner Saturday night and lunch on Sunday. There is plenty of room to camp or if you want there are motels in Heber (Best Western Sawmill Inn, 928-535-5053) or in Forest Lakes (Forest Lakes Lodge, 928-535-4727). Forest Lakes is about 15 miles west of Heber on 260.

**Directions** - On highway 260, about a mile or so west of Heber at mileage marker #301 turn north on to the forest road (504) and follow it until you see the trailer. We may be in 2-3 miles depending on the road and other people camped there. (If you get to Heber, you have gone too far on Highway 260.)

I will need a head count on who is planning on going so we can plan for the food. We will talk more about this hunt at the meeting.

Dusty Mosier: 480-899-1121

**Reminder: No furbearing animals are to be taken during this hunt, as they are out of season. This includes lion, bobcat and fox.**

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## News from the Arizona Game and Fish Department

### Elk and antelope draw is complete; results are available

March 30, 2009

The 2009 drawing for Arizona elk and antelope hunt permit-tags has been completed, and the 117,873 applicants can now visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw) to see if they have been drawn. Be prepared to provide your department identification number, plus your birth date, to access your specific draw information.

Hunt permit-tags will be mailed out to successful applicants no later than April 24, 2009. Refunds for unsuccessful applicants (minus the application fee) will be mailed out to the person shown as "Applicant A" on the application form no later than April 24. Any licenses requested via the draw application process, regardless of draw success, are scheduled to be mailed out prior to April 24.

Game and Fish officials said there are 41 leftover general antlerless elk tags for limited opportunity hunts and 55 leftover archery-only antlerless elk tags for limited opportunity hunts that can be applied for **by mail only** beginning April 27, 2009 (first-come, first-served). The list of leftover tags is posted at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw). Please mail applications to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Draw/1st Come, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

There are also two antelope permits and 57 elk permits (different permit types) remaining at Camp Navajo **for those eligible**. For more information, visit the Camp Navajo Web site at [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com).

Remember that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be setting the other 2009-10 big game hunts for deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo, bear and mountain lion during its Saturday, April 18 meeting at the Game and Fish headquarters on Carefree Highway just 1.5 miles west of I-17. Department recommendations for fall hunts are anticipated to be available online for review on April 4 at [www.azgfd.gov/h\\_f/hunt\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/hunt_guidelines.shtml).

You will be able to start applying for those hunts once the appropriate information is posted online. The anticipated deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 9 (the second Tuesday of June), pending approval of the schedule by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. As a reminder, the online application process will not be available.



## Reed Petersen's Bear Hunting Tactics

Notes taken from Mr. Petersen's presentation at the February 12, 2009 APC Meeting

### Location:

First and foremost, you need to hunt in areas there are bears. This can range from high pines to juniper and as low as desert scrub brush. Most preferred areas are: September, bear go low into scrub brush and oak, feeding on prickly pear cactus. October, find bear where there are acorns. Bears start to den up in late October.

Return to the same place you have seen bear previously. Favorite places for Reed are: Cherry Creek, Sombrero Butte, the Pinal Mountains, Mazatzal mountains, Fossil Creek and Forest Lakes.

### Calling:

Call all day over a lot of country. Call at the heads of canyons, from outcroppings if possible so you can see down. You don't need to worry about wind direction. Bears are not afraid of anything; therefore, they are not concerned if they smell you. Make sure YOU CAN SEE the bear coming. Don't let them sneak up on you.

Stay on stand and call for at least 45 minutes. Call continuously if possible. Do not lay off calling for any more than 30 seconds. Bear will come to the call, but if you stop, they will sit down and loose interest.

Make the call as pitiful crying a sound as you can. It does not matter if it sounds just like a jackrabbit in distress or not, just make it distress sounding.

Favorite call to use is a Circe cottontail mouth call. Make sure you have plenty of extra reeds.

### Gear:

Rifle: Use what you shoot the best. Caliber is not as important as being able to hit it in the vital areas. Reed's wife has taken all species using a .243. Reed uses a .243 most of the time also.

Wear camo. Cover your hands and face in particular. Take a fanny pack for your snacks and food. A light backpack to carry your survival gear. Make sure you have an excellent knife and a sharpener. Water, first aid kit, drop cloth, compass or GPS, your standard stuff.

Be prepared to pack out at least 110 pounds. Skinning out your bear with the feet and head intact can weigh that much.

### Miscellaneous:

Hunt with a partner. More eyes looking the better. If hunting with a bow, make sure you have someone backing you up with a firearm. Remember, bear are not afraid of anything, and are dangerous. Develop a signal system between hunters. When you want to stop calling and end the stand, signal this to the other hunters and let them respond. You can also develop a signal if one of you sees a bear to let the other hunters know where they are coming in from.

Be prepared to keep your bear hide cool after you skin it out. If you don't want the fur to slip, get it to the taxidermist as soon as you can. Don't wait five days for your hunting buddies to get their bear while yours spoils.

Our thanks to Reed for his insightful presentation: Editor, Predator's Pride.

## Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

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