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Coming Events

- APC Meeting.....April 12, 2012
 APC Meeting & Awards..May 10, 2012
- Monthly APC meetings are held at the
 Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa,
 from 7:00 pm until ??



PREDATOR'S PRIDE

ARIZONA PREDATOR CALLERS

April 2012 APC P.O. Box 1172 Mesa, AZ 85211-1172

The President's Message

by **Scott Francom, APC President**



Before I decided to accept the nomination to be the President of Arizona Predator Callers I put in some thought to the responsibilities the position held and also what I would do as President to make the club better. After some reflection and speaking to the board members I came up with 2

personal goals. One was to increase the membership of the club and the other was to increase the number of members that participate in club hunts.

To increase the membership we needed to have quality monthly seminars and these speaking engagements needed to be publicized across the predator hunting forums so we could draw in people who had never heard of APC. With **Rich Higgins** doing a great job of rounding up speakers such as **Steve Craig** (Lions), **Dusty Carter** (Night Hunting), **Gary Clevenger** (Electronic Callers & Shotgun Tactics), **David Slade** (Bear), and **Reed Peterson** (Bears), just to name a few, we packed in listeners to the point of the club often having standing room only at these speaking engagements. Membership began to rise. At that point we were well on our way.

I had been working with Arizona Game and Fish on a committee and they asked if we wanted to have a link on their webpage. I said yes and shortly there after the Arizona Game and Fish Department website began funneling dozens of people to our site. Our site traffic quadrupled overnight and we began receiving 5-6 emails a week of hunters asking about how to become members of APC. Through these methods our membership grew to a substantial number of individuals. We now completely fill the FOP lodge each week and when we have a special speaker there are people standing outside listening through the open door. Goal #1 reached.

The second goal has been tougher to accomplish. We have huge turn outs to our monthly meetings but poor showings to our monthly hunts. Each month we had 10-12 novices signing up but only a few experienced callers willing to take them out. Each month a new crop of new members would sign up and we would only be able to take out 4-5 tops. I am sure quite a few new members left disgruntled that we advertised novice hunts each month but they were never teamed up with anyone. Any members who signed up early on and are still waiting for a novice hunt I apologize and appreciate you hanging in there month after month.

I think with me, it really struck a nerve when at the Arizona Multi-Club Hunt we only had a few teams from APC at check-in. If experienced hunters won't show up and participate in the biggest Arizona club hunt of the year, getting them to show up at a small monthly novice hunt is almost impossible. Back 5-7 years ago, APC won the multi-club hunt with a long line of 30-40 animals in our dead pile. This year we had 6 maybe. Needless to say we did not win. This is a shame as APC has the biggest group of experienced callers out of all the AZ clubs. We have hunters who in the past have consistently shot half a dozen animals on any given Saturday. We used to dominate the multi-club hunt but now can't even field 6 teams to the biggest competition. Even more important we have experienced hunters who will not take out a novice hunter.

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Membership Report

The following memberships will be expiring soon:

Ron Sega, William Barber, Reed Kleinman, Chuck Bashears, Jerry Lape, Don Hall Jr., Bob Way, Hector Galindo, Jared Tompkinson, Steve Mark, Thomas Blum and David Townsend.

We would like to welcome new member:

Kent Gray of Mesa
Dave Ramsay of Gold Canyon
Steve Harris of Fountain Hills
Mark Thomas of Phoenix
Yigal Shpigel of Gilbert
Gai Lazaros of Chandler

to the Arizona Predator Callers.

Please renew your APC membership before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of Predator Pride. The membership form is available on the last page of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance	
Beginning Balance 3-1-12.....	\$6,586.28
Postage.....	(\$32.40)
Check 1811 Novice Hunt trailer storage..	(\$32.62)
Check 1812 Postmaster.....	(\$52.00)
Deposit - memberships.....	\$590.00
3/30/12 end balance.....	\$7,293.30
Petty Cash Beginning Balance....	\$59.91
Call Sales.....	\$80.00
Merchandise.....	\$0.00
Dues Received.....	\$215.00
Raffles Received.....	\$199.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$400.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$153.91
Total cash.....	\$7,447.21
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$1,847.75
Total Assets.....	\$9,294.96

April Meeting Program "Stan Schepers"

We are pleased to have **Stan Schepers** speaking to us on hunting coyote here in Arizona. APC member Stan will share tips and tactics for a shure fire successful hunt. Bring your burning questions for Stan.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa. 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.

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Without veteran callers willing to take out new hunters the sport is stagnate. It is imperative that this changes this next year.

Due to other responsibilities I am going to step down as president of APC. I feel that these last 2 years have been enjoyable and I learned a lot. I would like to thank the Board of Directors of APC who earnestly strive to better the club and put in countless hours aside from hunts and meetings to make sure things run smoothly. I want to go on record by saying if this core group of men ceased their hard work the club would dwindle away. Everyone should thank John, Craig, Dusty, Jerry, and Rich for their years of service.

I leave the club in the hands of your new president, Rich Higgins, who is more than capable of filling my shoes and hopefully he can motivate club members in the areas where I have faltered. I will still be at meetings when I can and will help run the club website.

Scott Francom



Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



The Antelope Eaters hunt last weekend was pretty tough, the wind blew all day Saturday. My partner Tom and I were able to bag one coyote, which tied us for first place for a short while. Then a team of three showed up with seven dogs and messed up everything. Sunday was pretty much shut down with snow, so we headed home early.

Your Hunt records are due this month, so please see me at the meeting. If you were not able to get out at all and have nothing to report, please let me know so I won't have to call you. You can fax me at 480-899-0975 or e-mail them to me at mosierds@yahoo.com, I will even accept snail-mail at 1621 N. Central Dr. Chandler, AZ, 85224.

There you have it all, no excuses, get those hunt records to me.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !
DUSTY

APC Video Library

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

- 9/9/10 Bob Allen.....Calling Coyotes
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Coyote Behavior
- 1/13/11 Christian Ensley.....Deer Processing II
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Eyes Front 3
- 5/12/11 Travis Bradford..Free Grass & No Fences
- 10/13/11 John Albin.....Fooling with Foxes
- 10/14/10 Greg Malenfant.....Mastering Predator
- 2/8/12 Jared Tompkinson.....Nail Em AZ Style

Thanks *Jerry*

Hunt and Events Calender

- General Meeting of APC.....April 12, 2012
- General Meeting & Awards Presentations.....May 10, 2012
- Mormon Lake Lodge Outdoor Festival.....June 9, 2012
- Arizona Trappers Convention.....July 27-28, 2012

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.
Club hunting events are in red type.
Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

The word "coyote" is derived from the Nahuatl (a people found in central Mexico) word "coyotl." The coyote's scientific name, *Canis latrans*, means "barking dog."

APC Would like to thank **Dennis Slade** for his excellent presentation at the March meeting on Bear Hunting.



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Legislative Ramblings

Firearm capacity:

House Bill 2640 bans the Game and Fish Commission from limiting the magazine capacity of guns used for hunting wildlife.

Governor Jan Brewer signed this bill into law. This new law will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature ends its session. Scheduled to end in a couple of weeks. The law therefore, would go into effect sometime in mid July.

Coyotes won't stand a chance with those 20 round clips. Bambi either.

Auctioning of Arizona Big Game Tags:

HB2072 is a legislative attempt to go around the Arizona Game and Fish Commission process to allow the auctioning of Arizona big game tags.

This is apparently for the benefit of one conservation organization. The other conservation organizations raise their own funding without selling your big game tags. Many people do not support HB2072 because it is inconsistent with the North American Model for wildlife management where wildlife belongs to the people instead of to the wealthy kings. If you do not support HB2072 please email to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer azgov@azgov.com and your legislators email addresses found at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/memberroster.asp>

Let them know you do not support this proposed law.



Mormon Lake Lodge Outdoor Festival June 9th

On June 9th, **National Get Outdoors Day**, Mormon Lake Lodge will host a free Outdoor Festival from 10am to 3pm. The event will highlight the outdoors, outdoor activities, environmental education and conservation with a special emphasis on providing information and activities for families and youth.

Informative displays will be provided by the Coconino National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Arizona Game and Fish and various outdoor groups and organizations.

There will be a special fun and informative interactive program led by students from AAEC High School in Phoenix, dubbed Crayfest, about catching, cleaning and eating crayfish. Information will be provided about the harmful impacts that invasive crayfish has on Arizona's ecosystems and riparian areas.

Mormon Lake Lodge is located 30 miles south of Flagstaff by way of the Lake Mary Road. For more information contact Mormon Lake Lodge at 928-354-2227, extension 3.

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm



Save A Fawn/Novice Hunt March 31 - April 1



**Front Row: Richard Strunc, Mark Miller, John Arterburn and Kurt Zoellner
Back Row: Rulon Anderson, Cliff Nordyke, Jerry Thorson, Joe Porath, John Albin and Dusty Mosier**

The 2012 Save A Fawn Hunt was held March 31st. The Red Onion Restaurant was the sight of the evening check in point. Excellent food and conversation ensued.

Of the 5 hunting teams, only the well funded and well equipped team of Thorson and Strunc prevailed. One more dead coyote. A few were seen, with a few shots thrown their way (tall stories of near misses). A good time had by all.

Remember, fawning season for antelope is in April and May. Get out in the field and help them by taking out those predators.

Novice hunter, Richard Strunc with his first coyote, harvested on the 2012 Save A Fawn Hunt.



Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: _____ Hm Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____
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Signature: _____

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Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00
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Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

New Membership
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Amount Enclosed _____

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