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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Mike Burris, President

Well it's time to get started again! We have waited and now we know the results of the big game draw, some were lucky and others were not. With the increase of online applicants together with the people that mailed in their applications this year was reported to have exceeded 600,000. I guess I got lucky. My son and I were drawn for antlered deer in unit 20A so at the end of October I've got plans in the Bradshaw's with my son.

Our season starts up this year with Elk in Arizona as our first meeting topic. Our Program Director has several good meetings planned and our two Hunt Chairmen are planning our hunts and events for the year with enough notice so that everyone will be able to participate. Watch our newsletter for the club calendar of events or you could also check our website to keep up on everything that is going on.

Our webmaster posts the club newsletter on our website as soon as it is done so it can be read or downloaded a lot faster than the regular mail. If you are able to get your newsletter online and would rather not have a hard copy mailed to you, please let our webmaster know and this would save our club some money.

Once again the APC is hosting the *World Championship Coyote Calling Event* to be held in Williams and we will be looking to get as many members involved as possible, either as contes-

tants or as part of the check in committee. We need volunteers to help on that Sunday. If you are interested please contact me or Scott our Chief Judge.

Just a quick note for those of you that are interested in having their hunting help pay for itself, prices at the fur market were up this year, especially for bobcats at an average of over \$200.00 for prime fur.

We will have new hunt records for everyone to pick up at our August meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting . . . bring a friend and enjoy the evening!

Mike



COMING EVENTS

August General Meeting 14 Aug '03
 ELK!!!
 August Board Meeting 25 Aug '03

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 p.m. till ????. Board meetings are held at the Arizona Wildlife Federation office at 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE V.P.

by Dan Solow, APC Vice President

Howdy All Members,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been too hot for most outdoor activities. I don't know if these hot spring, summer, and fall months, are worth the few good months we get that we call winter.

It's hard to think about the up coming season, with a steady 110° plus days, but come November, we should be sitting well at 70°. This hot weather does not help the varmint population. It means that they have less food and cover, as well as a lower survival rate. We will have to wait and see how this season will go. I think it means more traveling to remote places, or just going outside the city limits.

Hodgdon's Lil' Gun powder seems to have captured the .22 Hornet, and K-Hornet crowd by storm. With Lil' Gun, you can launch those 33 to 40 grain bullets up over 3200 fps, with no signs of pressure. The trick is to crimp your load.

In the small caliber world, .17 and .20 caliber rounds are very hot. Most of these calibers are being built on the following cases, .223, .222, .221 and .218 Bee. Velocity is running from 3900 to over 4500 fps, with very good accuracy, but poor case life.

This up coming season, I would like to see more members become more involved in our club activities. We have a great club and we offer some great programs. Also, it would be really great if we can bring some youngsters to our meeting. We need young people to carry on our ways of life.

Till next time, have fun and be safe . .

Dan

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from July 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance..... | \$3,599.65 |
| Check #1313 Common Ground..... | (78.00) |
| Check #1314 Mike Burris (shootout food)(100.00) | |
| Check #1315 Common Ground & WCCC (199.00) | |
| Check #1316 AZ Trappers Convention (100.00) | |
| Check #1317 Mike Burris (postage).. | (79.97) |
| Check #1318 Pitney Bowes..... | (65.00) |
| Check #1319 AWF Dues (10 members) (104.31) | |
| Deposit 7/15 (Dues)..... | 729.00 |
| Ending Balance 4/30/03 | \$3,648.50 |

PETTY CASH

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Petty Cash Beginning Balance | 60.94 |
| Call Sales & Raffles | 114.01 |
| Deposits to Checking | (100.00) |
| Petty Cash Ending Balance..... | 74.95 |
| Total Cash 4/30/03 | \$3,723.45 |

INVENTORY

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Crit'r Call Magnum3 ..@..... | \$10.00 |
| Crit'r Call Song Dog5 ..@..... | \$18.00 |
| Crit'r Call Standard10 ..@..... | \$9.00 |
| Crit'r Call PeeWee7 ..@..... | \$9.00 |
| Crit'r Call Reeds.....20 ..@..... | \$1.50 |
| Tally-Ho20 ..@..... | \$8.00 |
| Tally-Ho Reeds.....115 ..@..... | \$1.50 |
| Tally-Ho Inserts.....261 ..@..... | \$0.25 |
| T-Shirts.....26 ..@..... | \$12.00 |
| APC Caps.....0 ..@..... | \$15.00 |
| WCCC Caps49 ..@..... | \$20.00 |
| Decals900 ..@..... | \$1.00 |
| Total Inventory | \$2,874.75 |
| Total Assets..... | \$6,598.20 |
| Total Liabilities | (\$0.00) |
| Net Worth | \$6,598.20 |

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:
 4/10/03 ...Russ Runyan Monster Bucks II
 4/10/03 ...Russ RunyanPower Howling Coyotes
 4/10/03 ...Ned BurrisTurkeys - Antley
 4/10/03 ...Ned BurrisTurkeys - Fears

Jerry



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

I would like to welcome everyone back from our little summer break. . . hope you've all had a great summer so far.

Please take advantage of our general club meetings and all of the information you will receive from our guest speakers. Make sure to bring a friend with you and also check to see if your club membership is current. As always, we would love to renew any expired memberships and sign up interested new members! Thanks to all of you and your continued support of our club

These memberships have expired:

- Danie Bootha 7/1/03
- Richard Breseman..... 7/1/03
- Bill Rice 7/1/03
- Mark Roth..... 7/1/03
- James Vance 7/1/03
- Raymond Dean 8/1/03
- Ken Howden 8/1/03
- Cameron Lightle 8/1/03
- Eric Loeffler..... 8/1/03
- Steve Macia..... 8/1/03
- Rick Megee 8/1/03
- Keith Paul 8/1/03
- Al Schmeiser..... 8/1/03
- Jerry Woodrow..... 8/1/03

These memberships will expire soon:

- Gene Ries 9/1/03
- Jose Valencia 9/1/03

If you have let your membership with our club expire, please contact us we would love to have you back! If you have any questions regarding your existing membership, please give me a call at (480) 654-1411 or you cane-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Debbie



PROGRAM REPORT

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

August is here and APC is ready to start the hunting season. Our first meeting features Don Martin, owner of *Arizona Wildlife Outfitters*. Don will discuss elk hunting in Arizona. Don Martin is a professional licensed guide. Don has not made a success out of his business sitting in an office booking clients. Don gets out in the dirt, putting hundreds of hours in the field to leading hunters to huge trophy sized bulls. Often qualifying for Boone & Crocket and Pope & Young listings. Don will give us information on elk behavior and biology, which can be applied in the field to help locate an elk herd. He has also offered to share a few of his techniques and tactics. This is sure to be an informative and exciting seminar you won't want to miss. Bring your hunting partner and bring a friend. We will have the usual refreshments, door prize and outdoor gear raffle.

Some of the upcoming seminars and lectures will include; deer hunting, calling coyotes - fox - bobcats, entering & participating in calling competitions, how to skin & prepare furs for auction, Game & Fish Department - avoiding common violations & open question forum.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to get drawn for tags, congratulations! Those who didn't, better luck next year. The amount of hunters submitting applications has grown almost three times, mainly due to the internet, online application process. This makes it more difficult to get drawn now, but maybe it will also mean more sportsmen will think when it comes time to go to the polls. Time will tell.

I also want to inform members I will not be volunteering for a board position this next year. I have been on the board of directors four years now. I hope I have contributed to the growth of the club and made a difference in some way. It is now time for someone else to bring their ideas into the board and implement them.

See you at the meeting,

Breeze

THE HUNT REPORT

by Stan Schepers, Hunt Co-Chair

Hello Everyone,

Hope you had a great summer, mine has been good.

I finally made it to the Trapper's Convention and really enjoyed it; a nice event for the whole family.

Back to business, I got a freezer full of fish and it's time to put away the fishing gear and get the hunting gear dusted off.

I have a archery bull tag with my name on it, bear season will soon be opening, novice hunts coming up in October and November and the *World Championship* in December. . . Looks like we have a busy season!

All new members, APC welcomes you, if you would like to hunt one of our novice hunts, we will pair you up with an experienced caller. Talk to Dusty or me at the meetings, we need to know who you are, so we can start thinking about who to pair you up with.

SAFE & HAPPY HUNTING

Stan

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THOUGHTS ON 'CONSERVATION BONUS POINT'

by Scott Breseman

I have heard a lot of talk about a proposal to the AZ Game & Fish Commission for an additional bonus point, referred to as 'Conservation Bonus Point.' The basic idea if sportsmen go out and participate in a conservation project for so many hours they would receive a bonus point for that year.

In order for the conservation project and its participants to be eligible for this proposed program it would have to be sanctioned by the Game & Fish Department. A department representative would have to be present, and records would have to be kept to document participants and their hours.

Discussion has focused on how many hours in the field would be necessary to qualify for this bonus point. Some suggestions have been as high as forty hours in the field. Other suggestions have been eight hours for a yearly bonus point and sixty hours in one calendar year would equal a lifetime bonus point. Of course there are all sorts of ideas on everything in-between.

If the hours in the field were too high, how many people would actually participate? Many sincere sportsmen participate in conservation projects knowing they are making a positive impact on the environment, and helping wildlife. With this type of a program they would receive a tangible reward for their efforts.

If the amount of hours required for a bonus point were too high, would be participants might decide it is not worth the effort. Example; it takes forty hours to get one bonus point, if you go to a weekend water hole project, you may put in twenty hours. Your schedule is such that you know you can't put in twenty hours any other time the rest of the year. Why even go? Your twenty hours you put in gets you nothing but a feeling of accomplishment. Meanwhile your hunting partner is able to put in the required forty and gets the bonus point. Would you put in the same effort next year?

If the hours required are kept realistic, say sixteen or eighteen hours, more

sportsmen may participate. More importantly, they might participate in projects year after year. Sixteen or eighteen hours is basically a weekend, two - eight or nine-hour days. Most people are not willing to give up a weekend. To sportsmen with a forty hour a week job and a family, a weekend is a huge sacrifice. Rewarding this effort would make it worthwhile.

Conservation projects benefit everyone. Currently a small percentage of sportsmen are doing all the work. So, if the 'Conservation Bonus Point' is aimed at getting more participation, set an achievable goal, hours in the field that help the project and reward the person doing the work.

With the numbers of big-game tag applications skyrocketing, many sportsmen support this idea. Any 'Conservation Bonus Point' program that is implemented should not alienate sportsmen. It should instead call upon those who have been interested in doing a conservation project and just need a little push to get out in the field.

Scott

FROM THE EDITOR

by Mike Clerc, Newsletter Editor

Well, back at it again after an all too short summer break. As you have already seen, this issue is a little on the "lite" side this month. While this is a good thing with things like carbohydrates, it isn't necessarily with this newsletter. Surely some of you have stories that need to be told, projects and ideas that need to be shared or just hunting/outdoors information that needs to be passed along to the rest of our membership. No one expects you to write like a professional, this isn't a professional publication. You might have a little something that you do while hunting that you find productive or helpful that you would like to pass along to others. In the past we have done How-To's on such things as skull and skin preparation, scope mounting, load development and camo-painting of your favorite varmint weapon to mention just a few. But there are other ideas floating around out there that would be perfect to pass along to others, and this is the perfect medium. I will be more than happy to help in any

way that I can, just email the article or give it to me at one of the meetings and we'll get it out the for the world to see. Don't forget that you can also get your hunting/outdoor pictures published here as well.

Mike

