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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Solow, APC President

Howdy all APC members,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer. It has been a hot summer, with about 10 weeks to go for cooler weather.

We would like to thank John Henry for his alternative calling techniques seminar. John is a long time predator hunter, and gave us some of his techniques to bring wily coyote in range. If you missed the May meeting, you missed a chance to see John's video, and meet his dogs. His video was very interesting to see his dogs and coyotes interact. *Thanks John!*

A special thanks to member Larry Scribner, and Jeff Heinz. In our May newsletter, Larry and Jeff assembled data from the 2003 World Champion Coyote Calling Contest. Over half of the teams responded, and it appears the most popular caliber used was the .22-250 Remington, followed by the .223 Remington. Rifles were favored 3-1 over shotguns and most coyotes were taken between 9am-3pm.

Our program director Mike Kannapel, reports that Don Martin's topic for the August meeting, will be on elk hunting. See Mike's article.

Arizona Game and Fish has a mountain lion work shop scheduled for Phoenix and Flagstaff. The Phoenix date is August 21, and the Flagstaff date is August 28. Both work shops go from 8am to 4:30pm. Also, you must register

to attend the work shop, there is no fee charged. Please contact Dana Yost at (602) 789-3281, for more information.

If any of our members are interested, the monthly board meetings are open to any who would like to attend. If you would like to attend a board meeting, please contact any board member. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to see how the board functions and to see the types of topics that are discussed.

This is your club, we can use help in our newsletter. All you have to do is write an article on anything you would think club members might be interested in. Also, volunteers are always needed for club events, this makes it easier for all club members. It's your club, and we are always looking for ways to improve it.

Now is a good time to check out your equipment for the up coming season. This means purchasing reloading supplies, a new firearm, or up grade your equipment needs. This is a great time to visit the merchants that advertise in our classified section of the newsletter. These merchants support our club, and donate merchandise. So support the people that support our club.

Gary McGraw, from the Phoenix Varmint Callers has invited APC members to the Arizona State Wide Varmint Calling Contest. The contest will be held on August 28th, in conjunction with the Outdoor Recreation Expo at the Phoenix Civic Plaza.

Fyi, the Phoenix Varmint Callers,

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COMING EVENTS

August General Meeting 12 Aug '04
 "Elk Hunting - Don Martin"
 August Board Meeting 30 Aug '04
 September General Meeting . . 9 Sept '04
 September Board Meeting . . 27 Sept '04

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

have a total harvest (6 months - October-March) of 243 coyotes, 63 foxes, 27 bobcats, 4 badgers, 2 raccoons and one ring tail. Their numbers for the other 6 months would bring there total higher than reported. But remember, they have over 275 members verses our 75 plus.

In closing I'd like to again remind you that this is your club and your input is needed to better service our members needs. **YES** this is a call for help, so get involved. I hope to see you at the August meeting, and *please*, be safe out there.

Dan

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from May 1, 2004 through July 30, 2004.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$5,863.21
 Check #1346 Dan Solow - Raffle/Food(128.49)
 Check #1347 Mike Clerc - Newsletter . (147.78)
 Check #1348 Mike Kannapel Rifle Raffle (10.55)
 Check #1349 Chandler Rod & Gun Donation(200.00)
 Check #1350 Diane Pender Kids Fishing(100.00)
 Check #1351 Dan Solow - Food..... (37.13)
 Check #1352 Mike Clerc - Newsletter(85.43)
 Check #1353John Henry Fuel & Lodging(125.00)
 Check #1354 Mohave Sportsman Club(100.00)
 Check #1355 Mike Clerc - Website Hosting(166.80)
 Check #1356 AWF - 9 memberships... (58.50)
 Check #1357 Pitney Bowes - Postage.. (72.88)
 Check #1358 AWF 1 membership..... (6.50)
 Deposit (memberships)..... 1,120.00
 Ending Balance 04/30/04 \$5,537.94

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance 113.83
 Dues 170.00
 Raffles 768.75
 Deposit to Checking.....(930.00)
 Petty Cash Ending Balance..... 122.58
 Total Cash 04/30/04..... \$5,660.52

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum3 ...@ \$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard23 ...@ \$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee15 ...@ \$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds.....16 ...@ \$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog5 ...@ \$18.00

Tally-Ho.....53 ...@ \$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds122 ...@ \$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts248 ...@ \$0.25
 T-Shirts24 ...@ \$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts.....54 ...@ \$12.00
 APC Caps0 ...@ \$15.00
 WCCC Caps49 ...@ \$20.00
 Decals900 ...@ \$1.00
Total Inventory..... \$3,481.00
Total Assets \$9,141.52
Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)
Net Worth \$9,141.52

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

3/11/04...William Klientz.....Callers of the Wild
 9/11/03...Ed Volk Calling All Coyotes
 3/11/04...John Frabota..... Reloading II
 5/13/04...Jud Heinze..... Reloading II
 5/13/04...Larry Scribner..Power Howling Coyotes
 4/10/03...Clyde Turkeys - Antley
 4/10/03...Clyde Turkeys - Fears
 4/8/04.....Fred Johnson Turkey Magnificent Merriams

Jerry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new member Harvey Hunter, and thank renewing member Ralph Cortinas.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expires
Gene Elms	01-Aug-04
Mike Gilbert	01-Aug-04
Don Liona	01-Aug-04
Keith Paul	01-Aug-04
Robert Barraza	01-Aug-04
David DeRoia	01-Aug-04
Tim O'Grady	01-Aug-04
Jose Valencia	01-Aug-04

The following members will expire soon:

Name	Expires
Susan Frabota	01-Oct-04
Jeff Heinze	01-Oct-04
Fred Kolar	01-Oct-04
Peter Goula	01-Nov-04
Bruce Painter	01-Nov-04
Joe Penny	01-Nov-04
Dan Solow	01-Nov-04

If you've 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) 890-7801 or you can e-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Mike

PROGRAM REPORT

by Mike Kannapel, Program Director

The theme for the August APC monthly meeting elk hunting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 7:00pm. The meeting features a presentation by big game guide, Don Martin. Don is the owner of *Arizona Wildlife Outfitters* and is extremely knowledgeable in "the ways of elk". This is a presentation you won't want to miss.

The meeting will be held in the *Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9* at 1450 E 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.

June 26, 2004 was the date selected by Tim Pender, Wildlife Manager for *Arizona Game and Fish Department* in game management Unit 10, for this years *Boquillas Ranch Cleanup*. Each year the *Mohave Valley Sportsman Club* and other wildlife conservation organizations get together to clean up trash that hunters and ranch employees leave behind. This action helps keeps the ranch open for hunting elk, bighorn sheep, antelope, coyotes, lions, foxes, bobcats, rabbits and prairie dogs. This is the largest private ranch in Arizona. It is owned by the Navajo Nation and leased for cattle grazing. Tim Pender reported the effort put forth this year might make the difference between the Navajo's allowing access to the ranch versus the ranch lessees request to close the ranch. The ranch is currently closed to ATVS. All hunters must stay on existing roads but it is still open as of this writing to hunters.

130 enthusiastic sportsmen showed up to haul trash off the ranch to the dump in Seligman and one very full trailer of garbage was the result. The *ADA (Arizona Deer Association)* provided dinner for the attendees. This number is close

to twice the number of sportsmen who attended last year. According to ADA officials this will become one of their annual sponsored events.

World Championship Calling Contest. This event was moved to Elko, Nevada for 2004. This years event will be held at the Stockmens Inn in Elko. All contestants will have to sign in on Thursday, November 11, 2004. The calling contest will take place November 12 and 13, 2004 that's a Friday and Saturday. Any interested parties that did not participate in the event the last two years in Arizona can call Walt Gardner at (775) 779 2201 for an application. If you participated last year or the year before you will automatically be sent an application next week.

Mike

THE HUNT REPORT

by Stan Schepers, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello Everyone,

HOpe you all had a great summer. I had a busy one, but it's time to start thinking about hunting again. The season is just getting started, I know I'm ready, I was lucky and got drawn for deer and turkey, but for those who didn't get drawn, there is no better way to fill the void than to go predator hunting. With the price of fur going up, you could make a few bucks at the same time.

On June 12th, the APC along with the Mohave Sportsman Club, Arizona Trappers Association and the Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsored a fishing clinic in Seligman, AZ. There aren't too many lakes around the Seligman area, so the AG&F stocked a big cattle tank with catfish. These kids don't get to go fishing very often so this was a special occasion for them and all the adult participants. I was there and proud of the APC for their involvement and for sponsoring this event. Evens like this go a long way in promoting the outdoors and our organization to the general public.

If any of you members would like to know more about what goes on behind the scenes of the APC, I would like to encourage you to attend one of our

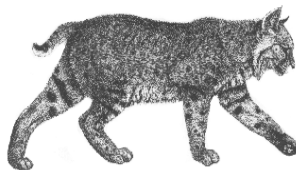
monthly executive board meetings. These meeting are open to all members and we would welcome you to come and check it out. The meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the AWF office at 644 N Country Club in Mesa. We are always lookig for new ideas and input from the membership.

On July 26th the was rach cleanup project on the Boquillas Ranch, just outside of Seligman, AZ. This event is something you can take the whole family to, as it is not only a great way to get outdoors for a day, it also serves a great service to the Navajo nation who own the Boquillas ranch. This year all participants fed breakfast & dinner by the Arizona Deer Association. I know this doesn't sound like a lot of fun, cleaning up a ranch, but by participating in projects like this it allows those who participated to not only clean the ranch of litter left by unscroupoulus hunters, it also gives you the opportunity to scout out new hunt areas and do something good at the same time. I can't wait to go back and call some of the areas I found during this years cleanup.

On July 31st I went ot the Trappers Convention in Glode at the fair grounds. This is the place to go if you're wanting to learn more about calling and trapping. There were calling and trapping demonstrations and skinning seminars. There were also contests on trap setting, there was a camo contest the our own Ned Burris won. Our own Jeff Serdy won the trap setting contest and a member form the Phoenix club won the calling contest. The calling contest was sponsored by the APC and the winner won \$100.00. There was also an auction with lots of items to bid on and there was also a raffle. I think the month of July is a good month for Ned Burris, because he has won two guns during July. . . Maybe I need to change my name to NED!!!

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!!!

Stan



APC CLASSIFIEDS

Individual classified ads are listed free in the Varmints Voice to all APC members. For commercial ads, please contact the newsletter editor.

For Sale: Lohman cassette player \$80.00, remote for Dennis Kirk caller (screw in back) for NL5000 & NL6000 units. - \$50.00 contact Stan at (602) 499-0505

For Sale: 2004 Rancher 350 Quad w/ electric shift. - \$4,000.00 obo contact Ken at (602) 818-1887

For Sale: Marlin model 783 .22mag bolt action rifle, with sling \$125. Ruger 10/22, 22lr, this has a 22" stainless steel barrel, longer than standard blue model, w/o 3x9 scope \$185, w/scope \$225, all 100% with boxes & papers Contact Dan @ (480) 883-7148..

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HUNTER EDUCATION

by Mike Zaccardi, Member

Press release for September 2004 Hunter Education Class in Mesa, AZ

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting September 7, 2004 and continuing through October 7. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, September 25 at the Rio Salado Sportsman Club on Utery Pass Road. In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session (September 7) from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the Combo Class is required and can be done by calling (480) 834-1791 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of students in your group for the Combo class. Total cost for either class is \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or Hunt ID number to registration. Maximum basic class size is 250 persons and 25 persons for the Combo class. These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This class is required for all persons 10 - 14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point. For further information contact Mike at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>

MOUNTAIN LION

by AG&F

Mountain lion workshops set for Flagstaff and Phoenix

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Department will hold the next two meetings in a series of statewide mountain lion workshops Aug. 21 in Flagstaff and Aug. 28 in Phoenix, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at each location.

The goal of the workshops is to continue the process of collecting comments and ideas that can be considered by the department and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in future actions in the management of mountain lions.

A draft protocol for department response to human-lion conflicts in urban settings has been developed, based upon public input at a workshop held May 1 in Tucson. At the upcoming Flagstaff and Phoenix meetings attendees can provide comment on the draft, and on the broader issues of urban mountain lion encounters. Breakout sessions will focus on research needs, public information and education, funding needs, and legislative approaches to address wildlife-human conflicts.

Individuals who want to attend a workshop must register in one of two ways:

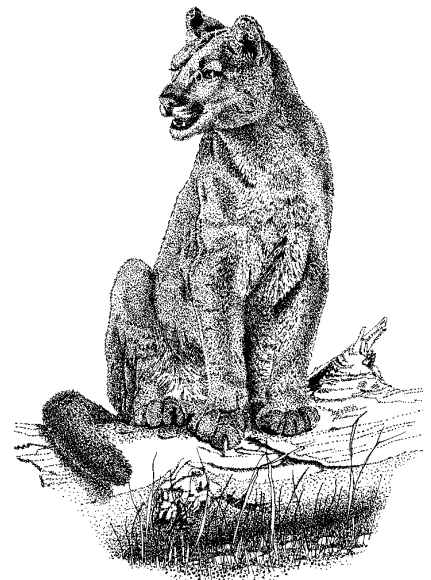
Submit a registration application online at azgfd.com.

Fax a registration application to (602) 789-3299. A faxable registration form is available on the department Web site or may be requested by calling (602) 942-3000. The registration deadline for both workshops is 5 p.m., on Aug. 16. Seating is limited. Registrants will receive a confirmation card by mail. A confirmation card is required for admittance to the conference. There is no charge to register or attend.

The next two workshops will be held at the following locations:

Flagstaff - Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. DuBois Center, Northern Arizona University, Building 64, 306 E. Pine Knoll Dr., Flagstaff.

Phoenix - Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Metrocenter, 10220 North Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, Arizona



Phoenix Varmint Callers

You are invited to attend the Arizona State Wide Varmint Calling Contest, sponsored by the Phoenix Varmint Callers. It will be held at the Outdoor Recreation Expo, August 27, 28, 29, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, Hall A & B and the Plaza.

The contest will be held Saturday August 28th, at 6:00 PM. There will be several divisions

EXPERTS Those who have entered state calling contests in the past.

NOVICES Those who have not entered state calling contests in the past.

YOUTH Those 16 years of age and younger.

Prizes will be awarded in each category and awarded that night.

The EXPO is also featuring the Arizona Statewide Elk, Turkey and Duck calling contest during the three day event.

We would like to encourage as many participants as possible to join the Varmint Calling Contest to make it a truly Statewide Contest.

See you there.

Gary McGraw
Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc

Primary Annual Membership \$30.00
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