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The President's Message

by **Scott Francom, APC President**



As this next predator hunting season approaches our club will be initiating some friendly competition with a number of new programs for members. I will briefly outline each program as we'll go into much more detail in the first few meetings.

Top Caller Award - This award will be given to the club member who scores the most points during the season. Points are awarded by shooting predators, participating in club events, and attending events outside of club events that are predator hunting related.

Top Fur Harvester Award - This award will be given to the club member who receives the most money at the Az Trappers Association Auction in the spring for the animals he harvested by shooting and prepared for sale.

Youth Top Caller Award - This award will be given to the youth club member between 10 and 17 years of age that scores the most points during the season. Points are obtained the same way as the Top Caller Award.

Top Mentor Award - This award will be given out to the expert caller who receives the most points. Points are received each time the expert caller takes a novice out. They are also awarded points each time their novice harvests a predator.

We are planning on awarding the winner of each category a rifle in their choice of caliber. We are also talking with the manufacturers of a few of the larger electronic caller companies to donate callers for awards. We will be having a club hunt every single month starting in October. If our plans work out, we are looking at giving \$50 in gas money to each expert caller who agrees to take a novice caller to a club hunt.

One of the main goals of the club this season is to get more club members out predator hunting and hope these programs provide the incentive to accomplish that.

Scott Francom

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Coming Events

ATA Convention.....July 30-31, 2010
 APC Meeting.....August 12, 2010
 Board Meeting.....August 30, 2010

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 May 1 thru July 30, 2010

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$1,919.67

- Check #1748 D.Rooney, Mtg Food.....(150.00)
- Check #1749 Legend Express Printing(52.11)
- Check #1750 C.Barnett, Awards.....(175.93)
- Check #1751 M. Burris, Hunt/mtg food(144.30)
- Check #1752 J.Albin, Postage.....(26.40)
- Check #1753 D.Rooney, Mtg food.....(117.50)
- Check #1754 Purchase Power.....(26.66)
- Check #1755 J.Thorson, O/U shotgun(300.00)
- AZ Corp Commission.....(10.00)
- Deposit Memberships.....430.00
- Deposit Memberships.....95.00

Ending Balance 7/30/10.....\$1,441.77

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....\$101.16

- Call Sales\$0.00
- Merchandise.....\$0.00
- Dues.....\$0.00
- Raffles.....\$293.00
- Deposits to Checking.....(\$315.00)
- Petty Cash End Balance.....\$79.16

Total Cash.....\$1,520.93

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$2,479.75

Total Assets.....\$4,000.68

APC Video Library

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

- 2/12/09 Kara Jensen...Alone in the Wilderness
- 1/14/10 Greg Mallenkamp.....Calling Coyotes
- 10/8/09 Dave Cadwell.....Calling All Coyotes II
- 4/9/09 James Tucker.....Catastrophic
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee.....Exploding Varmints
- 10/8/09 Steve Thompson.....How to Hunt the Majestic Elk
- 1/10/08 Chuck Beshears.....Hunting Coyotes East and West
- 2/11/10 Scott Fribbs.....Select, Tune & Shoot Compound Bows
- 10/8/09 Dave Cadwell..Texas Predator Pursuit
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee....Up Close with Rich Higgins
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull

Thanks

Jerry



August Meeting Program "Elk Hunting Tactics"

The Arizona Predator Club welcomes **Don Martin** back to present a session on Elk Hunting Tactics. Don is an expert guide with Arizona Wildlife Outfitters and has spent many years in the field hunting the majestic elk.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

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.

HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well, it's almost that time again, the summer is coming to an end and the fall is in sight. Time to check the sights on your weapons, finish loading any ammo, and get all your gear together. The results are out now on the fall hunts, hope all of you were more successful than I was. It looks like my kids and I will be hunting only predators this year.

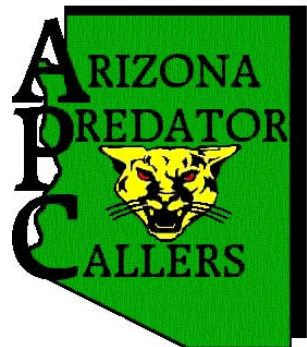
We have some new ideas to make your hunting more interesting. Make sure that you get a blank copy of the hunt record, you're going to want to turn one in this year. In fact you will have to turn one in to be eligible for any prizes.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

Dusty

"Predator's Pride" is devoted to the members of the Arizona Predator Callers. We would like to publish photos and articles that come from the membership. Please share your hunting adventures with your fellow members.

Send photos and articles to: editor@azpredatorcallers.com



Raffle Winners



Jerry Thorson was the winner of the Gamo Air Rifle



Jeff Heinze won the raffle for the John Toner knife.

Mike Miley of Phoenix was the winner of the shotgun raffle.

Mickey and Jessica Ensley helped out by drawing winning tickets.

Hunt and Events Calender

- Arizona Trapper's Convention.....July 30-31, 2010
- General Meeting of APC.....August 12, 2010
- General Meeting of APC.....September 9, 2010
- APC Club Shootout / near Superior.....September 25, 2010
- General Meeting of APC.....October 14, 2010
- APC Novice Hunt #1.....October 16, 2010**
- General Meeting of APC.....November 11, 2010
- APC Novice Hunt #2.....November 13, 2010**
- World Coyote Calling Championship.....Dec. 2-3-4, 2010
- General Meeting of APC.....December 9, 2010
- APC Club Hunt.....December 18, 2010**
- General Meeting of APC.....January 13, 2011
- Fur Donation Hunt.....January 15, 2011**
- Multi Club Hunt.....January 22, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....February 10, 2011
- Save-A-Fawn Hunt.....February 19-20, 2011**
- Antelope Eaters Hunt.....March 5-6, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....March 10, 2011
- APC Club Hunt.....March 19, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....April 14, 2011
- Griffin Ranch Cleanup.....April 16, 2011
- APC Club Hunt.....April 30, 2011**
- General Meeting & Awards Presentations.....May 12, 2011

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

Stan Schepers has an open invitation to APC members or prospective members for one-on-one training on skinning and preparing your fur for sale. Stan can be reached at 480-461-8730 or by cell phone at 602-499-0505.

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Things To Remember To Start Your Season Right

by John Albin, Newsletter Editor

I thought that I would offer some useful information that I gleaned from some of our past speakers. These words of wisdom should hopefully get you started in the right direction.

Take only good shots. Make sure you hit the animal.

Do take pictures. Be respectful to the dead animal. When taking pictures, don't have the tongue hanging out and have blood everywhere.

Taxidermy Preparation - Eric Lefler

Freeze 2 liter water bottles and take with you on your hunts. To preserve the pelt for taxidermy, place the frozen water bottle inside the neck cavity of deer. Keep the deer cold and dry. If you intend to cape out the deer or elk yourself, keep it cool. For a shoulder mount, cut at mid body with 1/2 the front legs and cut back to body. Give the taxidermist more than they need.

For small game, freeze the whole animal and do not gut. If unable to freeze, tube out. Don't use salt. *Skinning* - Use hand lotion to keep blood from being absorbed into your skin. Tools: peering knife, sharpener, head light around neck rather than on your head.

Bear Hunting - Reed Petersen

Call all day over a lot of country. Go lite. Pack lite because when carrying back your bear hide, it can weight as much as 110 pounds. Keep survival gear in your back pack. Call at the heads of canyons. Call from outcroppings so you can see down. Cover your hands and face. You don't need to worry about the wind direction. Call on stand for 45 minutes. No more than 30 seconds between calling. Develop a signal system between your hunting partner. Reed uses a Circe cottontail call. Distress. Make the call as pitiful crying as you can and call continuously. September, bear go low into scrub brush and oak and also feed on prickly pear. October, find them where there are acorns. End of October the bears den up.

Fox Calling - from Mike Burris, Josh Ebert and Scott Francom

Grey Fox can be found where there are rocks, thick stuff and washes. Big rocks and boulders, junipers. Near Superior, red rocks and manzanita. Sycamore Creek and the Superstitions.

Your stand does not have to be very far from your truck. Do not stay long on a fox stand. They respond usually within 2 minutes. They also often come in pairs. You can move your stand every 300 to 400 yards. Set up on side of hill where you can see them coming or stand up so you can see.

Best Sounds: Mike B. - Squeeling bird, 3-5 minutes then grey fox pup in distress. Look at fox scat in the area and call what is in the scat. If you find grey fur with black tips, use a jackrabbit call. If grey fur with white, use a cottontail call. Josh E. - Baby jackrabbit, raise and lower the volume, pause 30 sec. turn up volume. Lip squeeks, high pitch squeels, dualing sounds, use the bird chirp box. Six to seven sounds on a stand. Scott F. - Grey fox pup in distress 80% of the time. High pitch rabbit, woodpecker distress, birds.

Special tricks - Movement of decoys or feathers. Stuffed fox mount decoy. Keep calling after your first kill. Often times another fox will come in.

Predator Calling - Mike Burris

Sight in your rifle for 1" high at 100 yards. Start stand by using calls that sound like a "Squealing Bird". Then go to a "gray fox pup". Use a fishing tackle box for carrying your calls.

Fox generally run in pairs. Watch for the second one when you call in a single fox.

Favorite mouth calls are open reed "Critter Calls". After a gunshot, do a wounded yelp call and wait for another coyote or fox to come in.

Calling times: Cats, call 30 seconds on then 30 seconds off. Early morning and late in the day are best. Stay on stand longer, 17 minutes average.

Cover Scents: Use Gray fox urine for cover scent for coyotes and fox. Spray or drip on rocks or down wind.

Shotgun loads: 3 1/2" shell with 1 3/4" BB Heavy Shot (steel). 38 grains of Blue Dot gunpowder. 209P Primers. Ballistic Products wads to keep the steel BB's from scratching the inside of your barrel.

2009/2010 APC Award Winners

Awards were presented at the May 13, 2010 meeting by APC President Scott Francom. Congratulations to these outstanding club members.



Novice of the Year - Christian Ensley



Amateur of the Year - Arnold Carson



Expert of the Year - Josh Ebert



Sportsman of the Year - Michael Mosier

Arizona Trappers Association Convention July 30-31, 2010

The summer convention will be held July 30 – 31 at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, Az. We have two great trappers and predator callers coming in from out of state as our headliners.

Jim Pierce - the Wyoming Trappers Association Vice President will be giving a demo on canine trapping – cat trapping - and predator calling – His numbers are impressive . He specializes in canines but has also taken a high of sixty-six cats one season on his coyote line –

Mercer Lawing from California has taken three hundred cats – two hundred fox with cage traps and by predator calling in the last five seasons. He will be bringing traps and information for sale. We will also have demo's from some of Arizona's top trappers – The first demo will be at 10'clock Friday July 30. A flyer regarding the schedule will be mailed shortly.

Montgomery Fur Company will be on hand offering a great line of trapping supplies.

We have three excellent guns up for raffle.

The convention has all the makings of another super time seeing old friends and meeting new ones - See you there Mike Hull cell # 928-379-3355

Friday, July 30 12:00 Start of Convention
1:00-2:00 Predator Calling -Pearce/Trowbridge
2:00-2:45 Joe Melton Trapping Demo
2:45-3:15 Keel Price Trapping Demo
3:15-4:00 Ask the Experts Panel
4:00-5:00 Jackal Trapping - Keel Price
5:00-6:30 Steak Cookout, bring your own
6:30 ATA Board Meeting

Saturday, July 31 8:00 AM Welcome
8:30-9:30 Trapping Demo- Jim Pearce
9:30-11:30 Camo Contest
9:30-10:30 Cage Trapping - Mercer Lawing
10:30-11:30 Ask the Experts - Panel
11:30-12:00 Bobbit Game
12:00-12:30 Ladies Frying Pan Toss
12:30-1:30 Trap Setting Contest
1:30-2:00 Pie Eating Contest
2:00-2:30 Musket Throw
2:30-3:15 Membership Meeting/Elections
3:15-3:30 Raffle Drawing, Silent Auction closes
3:30 Kids Scavenger Hunt ends

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop set for August 13-15

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is a non-profit, educational program offering hands-on workshops to adult women. A supportive environment conducive to learning, making friends, and having fun is core to the program. No experience is necessary and BOW is for women of all ages and fitness levels.

Participants choose four classes from a field of 32. Subjects range from rappelling to fishing to geocaching. Classes are roughly divided into one-third consumptive (hunting and fishing), one-third non-consumptive (like hiking and canoeing) and one-third outdoor knowledge. The outdoor knowledge classes have proven popular and many have been taught since inception. Arizona has life zones from desert to alpine, you can learn about them in Arizona Wildlife and Habitat. There is a basic land navigation class, a birding class and a tracking/animal identification class. A perennial favorite is "I'm Lost, Now What?"

In addition to learning new activities, BOW participants are also treated to a variety of evening entertainment. There will be a game and wine taste, featuring wild game dishes and samples of our now famous prickly pear margaritas. Night fishing and fly tying will be available as well as featured speakers with live critters as special guests. Saturday night is lots of fun with a fund raising raffle, silent auction and 'talent' from the participants.

There are many reasons why women come to BOW. For some, it is just some 'ME' time. A different take on a girlfriends weekend away. Perhaps fly-fishing seems appealing but the cost prohibitive especially for recreation untested. Equipment and expert instruction is provided for fly-fishing, archery, canoeing, shooting and more.

Lodging is in rustic cabins but they have full bathrooms and electricity. Meals are provided and cooked by the camp staff. The focus for the weekend is learning in a comfortable atmosphere.

"The goal of the program is give women the knowledge and motivation to get outdoors. Often, women experience personal growth and that is a just wonderful side effect," says Linda Dightmon, AZ BOW coordinator. "I love it when I walk through the dining hall on that last day and ladies are making plans to take their families on a camping trip."

In 2010 the Arizona BOW program will celebrate its 15th year. The venue is Friendly Pines Camp near Prescott. Dates are **August 13th-15th**. The Arizona Wildlife Federation sponsors the Arizona BOW program with lots of help from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The Arizona Flycasters and Arizona Audubon are also major partners in the Arizona program. Our instructors are volunteers and all are experts or professionals in their field. Cost is \$245 and includes lodging, meals and most classroom materials. The registration is available online at www.azwildlife.org or you can call 480-644-0077.

Membership

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

APC welcomes new member **Bo Hawkins** of Chino Valley, AZ.

Thanks to **Bill Hudzietz** of Tempe and **Eric Loeffler** of Gilbert for renewing their memberships.


If you've let your membership with our club expire, please contact us. If you have any questions regarding your existing membership, please e-mail me anytime at:

membership@azpredatorcallers.com

Please renew 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.

Classifieds


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Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

Family Membership add \$5.00.....\$35.00

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