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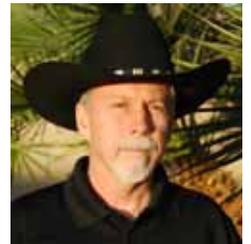
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The President's Message

by Larry Walden, APC President



It won't be long now until we can be found crouched beside some prickly desert bush trying to disguise our silhouettes, either sweltering or freezing, with the screeching sounds of a dying rabbit tearing through the air.....watching every angle of approach for the season's first predator.

I guess most people think we are crazybut we approach each new season with optimism. This is going to be the year! We have practiced endlessly with our favorite mouth call or selected just the right sound to play on our electronic caller. Several trips to the range and perhaps several thousands of dollars spent on just the right predator rifle. This is the year when that lion or bear comes in, or at least, the ever elusive bobcat. This is what makes predator calling the exciting sport that it is. What is going to come around the bend in the game trail? Will the beast approach with caution or come in so fast we won't have time to react? Will we be able to make the shot or snap a photo?

During one weekend predator hunt most of us will experience an entire range of emotions, including surprise, fear, disgust and wild celebration. The great thing is, for some APC members, it will be the year when their daydreams become reality.

That lion will be harvested and that bear will end up at the taxidermist. Even a few coyotes will end up in the truck.

Then we get to relive it all again around the campfire at check-in. Check-in is the place where the predators grow more vicious and the missed shots longer and more difficult. It is also the place where you can see the smile on a hunter's face as soon as he or she steps out of the truck and you know this has been their day.

I am looking forward to the 2008-2009 Arizona predator hunting season and another great year for APC. I sincerely hope it is your year!

APC Program Director, Rich Higgins, has been working this summer to schedule another season's worth of excellent speakers. He did a great job last year and from what I hear he has lined up some 'big names' from the world of predator hunting to share their knowledge with our club this season.

We are planning on having some cool rifles to raffle and some fun hunts on the calendar.

Hunt safely and keep bringing in the predators,

Larry

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Coming Events

Jul 28, '08.....APC Board Meeting
Aug 1-3, '08..AZ Trappers Convention
Aug 14, '08.....APC General Meeting

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, 2008.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$4,161.61

Deposit.....240.00
 Check #1652 Legend Express.....(155.76)
 Check #1654 J.Albin, Postage Ink.....(30.72)
 Check #1655 Purchase Pwer, Postage(106.99)
 Check #1656 Cindy Seff, Kids Fishing..(200.00)
 Check #1657 AWF - 12 members.....(78.00)
 DRCD Office Max - Raffle tickets..(33.26)
 DRCD Office Max - Raffle tickets..(22.03)
 Deposit Memberships.....65.00
 Deposit Memberships.....60.00
 DRCD Postage.....(10.00)

Ending Balance 7/30/08.....\$3,889.85

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....\$1409.35

Call Sales.....\$0.00
 Dues.....\$90.00
 Raffles.....\$610.00
 Deposits to Checking.....(\$785.00)
 Petty Cash End Balance.....\$24.35

Total Cash.....\$3,914.20

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$3,570.75

Total Assets.....\$7,484.95

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 Troy Simmons....Beyond Belief-How to Shoot Big Bucks
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Exploding Varmints
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull
- 5/8/08 Dave Warren.....Callers of the Wild
- 5/8/08 Dave Warren.....Big Game Exteme
- 5/8/08 Dave Warren..Truth#1 Predator Hunter
- 5/8/08 Troy Simmons.....Hunting in the East
- 5/8/08 Bill Virtue.....Calling Coyotes
- 5/8/08 Bill Virtue.....Calling All Coyotes II
- 5/8/08 John Albin.....Alone in the Wilderness
- 5/8/08 John Albin.....Catastrophic
- 5/8/08 John Albin.....Texas Predator Pursuit
- 5/8/08 John Albin.....Up Close & Personal

Thanks

Jerry



August Meeting Program Elk Hunting

The Arizona Predator Callers monthly meeting is on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting features a presentation by **Ross Anderson** on Elk Hunting. Ross will fill us in on the finer points of elk behavior and go in-depth on calling and hunting techniques for elk.

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.

Letter To The Editor

16 April 2008

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Floyd C. Willett Family, at this time I would like to thank you for your continued support of our Annual Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser.

In spite of the elements, wind, rain and mud, we again raised enough funds to award four \$2,000.00 scholarships in May 2008. Two will be given to graduating seniors at Williams High School and two awarded to seniors in the Flagstaff area.

Our thanks go out again to the many businesses, individuals and participants who supported our Fundraiser in January. Your donation was very much appreciated.

Your donation check - \$1,700.00. Many thanks for all your support.

Sincerely,

Dorothy L. Willett

For the Floyd C. Willett Family

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News From The Arizona Game and Fish Department

Fall draw results now available for Arizona's big game hunters

Leftover deer, turkey and javelina tags to be issued first-come

July 19, 2008

PHOENIX - The 2008 fall big game draw process is complete and applicants can now find out if they've been drawn by visiting the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

Applicants can obtain draw results for deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo and bear hunt tags by providing a department ID Number (usually the applicant's Social Security number) and date of birth. Draw results are also available by telephone at (602) 942-3000.

Game and Fish officials said that hunt permit-tags will be mailed out to successful applicants no later than Aug. 22 (archery deer tags will be mailed out earlier).

For those individuals who were unsuccessful in the draw or didn't submit an application, don't despair - there are leftover tags for deer, turkey, and juniors-only javelina. Applications for more than 3,000 deer tags, more than 350 turkey tags, and more than 2,000 tags for juniors-only javelina hunts will be accepted by mail only on or after 8 a.m. (MST) on Aug. 11, 2008. For a detailed listing of leftover permits, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw or call (623) 236-7702. For those who qualify, there are military hunts available for Fort Huachuca. Call (520) 533-2549 for additional information.

Hunters are also reminded that fall turkey tags for juniors-only can be purchased over-the-counter at any department office or license dealer. Also, predictions are good to excellent for the dove season that begins Sept. 1. Dove hunting is a great way to introduce young and new people to hunting. Other dates to remember include Oct. 3 for the opening day for quail and squirrel seasons, and Tuesday, Oct. 14 for the anticipated deadline to submit applications for the spring draw for javelina, turkey, bear and buffalo.

Hunting and fishing continues to be the cornerstone and a primary source of funding for wildlife management and conservation in North America. In Arizona alone, more than 418,000 hunters and anglers spend \$3.8 million a day, or \$1.3 billion per year participating in these activities to the benefit of local economies. Regardless of whether one chooses to actively participate in hunting or angling, people interested in wildlife and its future should understand the role sportsmen play in conservation.

Note: The big game draw is a lottery-style process for allocating the limited number of Arizona big game hunting permits to applicants. The first-come permit system allows individuals to apply for any leftover big game hunt permit-tags not issued during the normal drawing process.

Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

Welcome new members:
Rod Emery of Chandler,
Anthony McDonald of Phoenix
and **James Andrews** of Queen
Creek

Thanks to:
Louis Brudnock, Ken Waddill,
Jeff Serdy, Thomas Blum,
Zoran Vishjic and David
Bulgrin

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 give me a call at 1-800-756-7094 or you can e-mail me anytime at:

membership@azpredatorcallers.com

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.

Hunt Partners Wanted

The Arizona Predator Callers will be putting together a list of hunters and callers looking to find a hunt partner.

Please let us know if you are looking to go out and if you need a hunt partner.

Hunt Chairman Dusty Mosier will be coordinating this service. Give Dusty a call at 480-899-1121 or email him at:
huntinfo@azpredatorcallers.com

My Multi-Club Hunt

by Bill Baber

This hunt started much like any hunt, in the dark for three hours of driving to an unknown spot to try my luck. My hunting buddy Willard Bourquein was under the weather and would not make this trip. Without a second set of eyes on the stands, this was a handicap for me on this day. Willard has been my hunting partner for the past ten years, and we have not been able to hunt much this year. It would have been a big help to have him with me on this one. I was on my way to a never hunted spot by me, and this is always fun. After I found my first place to start my hunt, and found nothing, I believed this was going to be this way on most of my stands. After three hours of hunting and nothing harvested in the truck, to say the least, it looked bad. This stand was already twenty five minutes into it, and the only thing that came in was a hawk, which was trying to kill my Fox Pro call. I caught movement to my left, seventy-five yards out was the first of my four coyotes for this day. With a well placed shot to the heart and lungs, she fell dead in her tracks with the 30 gr. burger hollow point bullet from my 22 K Hornet.

I made three more stands with nothing showing up. This was going to be a long day to say the least. I moved about a half mile and started again. I turned the call on low for about 30 seconds and then off for 2 minutes. Well nothing in yet, so back on with the call and more noise this time, and a little mouth call of a pup sounding like some bad dog had just taken his meal away from him. Off to my right was a fast moving coyote on a dead run to get into the action. This was the second coyote this day. The K hornet struck again. This dog was stopped in her tracks—one shot, one kill. This stand was only five minutes into it, so I turned the Fox Pro back on and made more noise from my mouth call. Well look here, there is number three coyote coming in almost in the same foot prints of number two. Oh, no, this dog smells dead dog and makes for the hills at full speed. Now I was barking real loud by mouth to see if this will slow her down. What luck, she looks back over her right shoulder to see who was talking to her. That was all the time it took to send a 30 gr. K Hornet bullet at 3350 feet per second into this one



Bill Baber with his Multi-Club bobcat

which becomes number three coyote.

The next two and a half hours of stands put nothing into the back of my truck, so off to the east of the main road to see what is on this side. I went back off the road about a half mile and into open desert, not much cover, but this was what I was hunting and so far it was paying off. It seemed to take more time to get something in, since usually it took about 20 to 30 minutes to see something. Off to my left was movement again. I had to move my gun and shooting stick to see what was looking at me from 100 yards out. I can't believe my eyes—a BOBCAT was just standing there looking, I thought, at me. But no, here he came and ran straight at the tree where the Fox Pro caller was running very low at very low volume. The cat stopped 25 yards out and he gave me a full broad side shot. He never knew what hit him, and this was icing on the cake for me that day.

I don't know how many stands I made this day, but only four had animals come in. I don't know how many may have come in behind me, since my

My Multi-Club Hunt continued:

hunting partner Willard was not there to back me up. My last coyote came as the sun was setting in the west, and it was another running shot. Come to think about it, the only standing shot was the bobcat. All the dogs were running or loping along. It was a long, hard day, and now it was time to make my way in to our showing to help APC win this hunt. I guess I made a good showing with four coyotes and one bobcat. With a total of 90 points, this beat the Phoenix club with what I brought to the check-in. At the end of check-in, I was told that I had the most points of any hunter for the day. This made me come in at first place for that day—not a bad hunt! I was glad that I was able to help our club win with such a large amount of animals.

Shoot straight and shoot to kill.
Bill Baber

Hunt Report

August 1st brings the start of hunting season this year. At least for bear. Our annual bear hunt will be taking place again. As of press time, we don't have information available for publication, but if you call Craig Gombos at 480-634-6118 or Dusty Mosier at 480-899-1121, those interested can find out when and where we will be meeting in the high country.

Keep your eyes peeled for the APC Hunt Calendar in upcoming issues of the "Predator's Pride". We are looking forward to another great season.



Mesa Hunter Education Class Announcement

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa, starting **September 9, 2008** and continuing through October 7.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, October 4 at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road.

In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session, September 9, from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. 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 AZ Hunter 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 youth. 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 Zaccardi 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>.

Sincerely,

Mike Zaccardi
Chief Instructor
Mesa Hunter Education Instructor Association

2008 APC Awards Presentations

Presented by Craig Gombos, Awards Chairman



Jeff Serdy - Sportsman of the Year



Bill Baber - Expert Caller of the Year



James Tucker - Novice Caller of the Year



Clayton Burris - Youth Sportsman of the Year

Not pictured is Kurt Zoellner who received the Amateur Caller of the Year award.



May 8th Meeting and BBQ



APC's May meeting is our annual awards presentation meeting and family feast. These pictures show some of the fun and fellowship shared with our enthusiastic hunting partners.

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: _____ Hm Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____

email address: _____

Additional Family Members

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

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

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

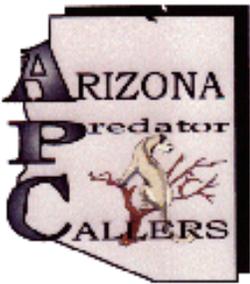
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