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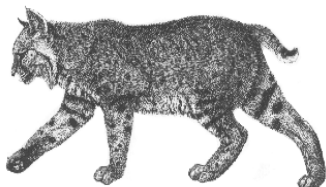
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### FROM THE V.P.

*by Dan Solow, APC Vice President*

Howdy all APC members, Hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I would like to say thank you to Jeff Serdy of A.J.I. Sporting Goods. If you missed the last meeting, you missed a great demo on skinning a fox, coyote and bobcat. Jeff explained the whys and hows of skinning these pelts. Like why certain cuts on the pelt are necessary to keep the pelt value high. Also I spoke to Jeff recently and he has received his order of knives for skinning, so if you need a knife for skinning, contact Jeff at his store.

The weather has finally cooled down, and now it feels good to be out hunting. Just a few reminders, at the end of this month, you will need a new hunting license, yes it is that time again. Also the second half of the dove season is under way. This part runs from November 21<sup>st</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>, consult your zone north/south for times and bag limits, doves only!!!!

We have two club events in January. First up on January 10<sup>th</sup>, is the annual *Fur Donation Hunt*, where any animals taken can be donated to the *AZ Trappers Association*. Next up is the annual 3 Club Hunt, the Phoenix Varmint Callers, who won the event last year, will be picking a date and time and will let us know, but typically it has been held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of January.

If anyone is looking to order a club shirt, please contact me, or see me at the next meeting. Also, please remember

that anyone member is welcome to contribute a hunting story to our newsletter, the editor is always looking for articles, and it doesn't have to be long.

As our season gets under way, remember to stop by and support the businesses that support our club. Till next month, have fun and be safe.

*Dan*

### PROGRAM REPORT

*by Scott Breseman, Program Director*

This months meeting, on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> will feature a predator hunting presentation. 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. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

*Breeze*



**COMING EVENTS**

December General Meeting . . . 11 Dec '03  
*Predator Calling*  
 December Board Meeting . . . . 29 Dec '03  
 World Championships . . . 5, 6 & 7 Dec '03  
 Fur Donation Hunt . . . . .10 Jan '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.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from November 1, 2003 through November 30, 2003.

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance..... \$7,846.64  
 Check #1336 Mike Clerc - Newsletter . (115.02)  
 Check #1338 Pitney Bowes - Rent .... (200.00)  
 Check #1339 Postage Privilege - Meter (69.48)  
 Check #1340 Nicole Breseman - Raffle/Novice Hunt(92.45)  
 Check #1261 AWF Dues - 6 Members... (39.00)  
 Deposit 10/27 (Dues & WCCC & cash)2,370.00  
 Deposit 10/14 (WCCC & cash) .....3,625.00  
**Ending Balance 11/30/03 ..... \$11,341.20**

**PETTY CASH**

Petty Cash Beginning Balance ..... 38.63  
 Call Sales & Raffles ..... 154.75  
 Dues ..... 95.00  
 Deposits to Checking ..... (230.00)  
 Petty Cash Ending Balance..... 58.38  
**Total Cash 11/30/03 ..... \$11,399.58**

**INVENTORY**

Crit'r Call Magnum .....3 ...@ ..... \$10.00  
 Crit'r Call Standard .....26 ...@ ..... \$9.00  
 Crit'r Call PeeWee.....21 ...@ ..... \$9.00  
 Crit'r Call Reeds .....20 ...@ ..... \$1.50  
 Crit'r Call Song Dog .....5 ...@ ..... \$18.00  
 Tally-Ho.....64 ...@ ..... \$8.00  
 Tally-Ho Reeds .....136 ...@ ..... \$1.50  
 Tally-Ho Inserts .....258 ...@ ..... \$0.25  
 T-Shirts .....24 ...@ ..... \$12.00  
 APC Caps .....0 ...@ ..... \$15.00  
 WCCC Caps .....49 ...@ ..... \$20.00  
 Decals .....900 ...@ ..... \$1.00  
**Total Inventory ..... \$3,521.50**  
**Total Assets ..... \$16,921.08**  
**Total Liabilities ..... (\$0.00)**  
**Net Worth ..... \$16,921.08**

**APC VIDEO LIBRARY**

The following individuals have videos checked out:

11/13/03John Frabotta.....Callin' Bears  
 11/13/03Stan Schepers .....The Predators  
 11/13/03John Frabotta. Truth #1 - Predator Hunter  
 11/13/03 Russ Runyan. Turkey Magnificent Merriams  
 4/10/03. Clyde.....Turkeys - Antley  
 4/10/03. Clyde.....Turkeys - Fears  
 9/11/03. Dan Solow..... Callers of the Wild  
 9/11/03. Ed Volk..... Calling All Coyotes

*Jerry*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

**Membership Renewals:**

Fred Johnson  
 Larry Scribner  
 Dan Solow

**New Club Members:**

Bruce Painter  
 Joe Penny  
 Tom Thornhill

**These Members Have Expired:**

Dan Broome.....12/1/03  
 Dan Hoffman .....12/1/03  
 Jay Nistetter .....12/1/03  
 Dave Warren .....12/1/03  
 Matthew Woodall.....12/1/03

**These Members Will Expire Soon:**

Terry Barone ..... 1/1/04  
 Steve Blum..... 1/1/04  
 Van Hallman, Jr..... 1/1/04  
 Lauralu Harkins ..... 1/1/04  
 C.C. Pulvermacher..... 1/1/04  
 Jack Simon..... 1/1/04  
 John Warfield..... 1/1/04

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) 654-1411 or you can e-mail me at [membership@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com) anytime.

*Debbie*

**THE HUNT REPORT**

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

**Hello Everyone,**

I would like to remind everyone to keep track of his or her successes on the hunt record forms. These records go for caller of the year points and help our club keep track of the number of predators we are removing. Remember these predators are your competitors for big game tags.

The World Championship are Dec. 5, 6, &7. We still need people to help run the contest, as we are the host again this year. There are several more hunts coming up after the first of the year that I encourage everyone to go on.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

*Stan*

**PETA - IN THE NEWS**

Submitted by Cindy Seff, Member

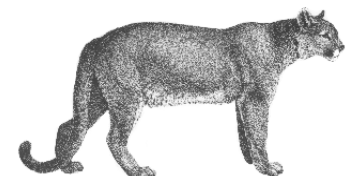
**CALGARY SUN**

**PETA Makes Sticky Point - Anti-Fur Campaign Takes Aim**

By MELISSA RIDGEN, November 29, 2003

<http://www.canoe.ca/CalgaryNews/cs.cs-11-29-0009.html>

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals hope to ketchup with fur-wearers this winter. The animal rights group has launched an anti-fur campaign that will see PETA supporters stealthily affix stickers to tomatoes in grocery stores across Canada, which read "Throw Me at a Fur Wearer." "Obviously, it's a gimmick," said PETA spokeswoman Lisa Franzetta. "The idea is to make fur-wearers stop and think before going out in fur this winter." Animals, trapped or farm-raised for their pelts, suffer physically and emotionally, PETA said, and are killed by poisoning, gassing, anal electrocution, or neck-breaking. "We're not encouraging anyone to actually throw the tomatoes at anyone, but a bit of pulp on the sleeve is nothing compared to having your neck broken or being anally electrocuted," Franzetta said. Donna Burn, spokeswoman for Calgary Co-op, said she hasn't heard of any local tomatoes being stickered yet. "At Calgary Co-op we stay apolitical," Burn said. "If we find any stickers on tomatoes they'll be removed; not because we have a position, it's just something we don't want to be involved with." And those caught sticking PETA stickers on Co-op fruit will be asked to leave the store. "People require approval to hand things out in the stores and if something is unauthorized, they'll be asked to leave," Burn said. No one from Canada Safeway was available to comment. Calgary Police Service Insp. Tom Marriott said anyone who chucks a tomato at someone wearing fur should expect to be charged criminally. "It doesn't matter if you throw a rock or a tomato," he said. "You could expect to be faced with a charge of assault or assault with a weapon."



**PETA - IN THE NEWS AGAIN!***Submitted by Cindy Seff, Member***Girl Scouts Trap Beaver, Anger Activists**

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -- Let other Girl Scouts make bird feeders out of Clorox bottles and glue together little birch-bark canoes -- Troop 34 in Alaska is learning to trap and skin beavers. In a practice that has angered animal rights activists, the girls are killing the beavers as part of a state flood-management program. "We think it sends a very, very bad message that when animals cause a problem you kill them," said Stephanie Boyles of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. She said the Girl Scouts should want girls to become "stewards of wildlife, not abusers." Last spring, about 10 members of the Fairbanks troop and their families helped catch two beavers using snare and lethal traps. The girls were taught how to find the animals' dens and how to lay the traps. Working under close supervision, the girls used knives to skin the beavers. The troop had the pelts tanned and plans to make hats and mittens once a dozen hides are collected. The girls also want to cook beaver meat. They plan to begin setting traps out again this month. Alaska Girl Scout leaders said they know of no other troop in the country to take part in such a program.

State-offered invitation Officials at the Girl Scouts' New York headquarters did not return repeated calls. But in a September 16 letter to PETA, spokeswoman Courtney Shore said the organization does not promote trapping or hunting and does not offer merit badges for those activities. Shore noted that Troop 34, made up of 13 girls ages 10 to 12, participated after an invitation from the state Department of Fish and Game. "It is understandable why the troop responded positively when approached by a state authority to conduct an activity that is commonplace in that area of the country," Shore wrote. The state-run Take a Kid Trapping program is aimed at controlling flooding and other damage caused by an increasing number of beavers along the lower Chena River in Fairbanks. It is open to kids as young as 7. Alaska scout leaders said the program is a "non-issue" in Fairbanks, where trapping has a long history.

Alaskan heritage Troop 34 leader

Dona Boylan said she wanted to impart lessons in responsible game management to Troop 34's members, who are city girls, at least by Alaska's standards. Fairbanks is a city of nearly 30,000. "Trapping may not be pretty, but the girls understand the seriousness and huge responsibility of taking a life," Boylan said. "They understand that when humans impact their environment, they become ultimately responsible for maintaining a healthy population of the animals they have to coexist with in these urban centers." Girl Scout leaders said none of the girls would talk to The Associated Press. "I feel like PETA doesn't have a concept that trapping is considered a heritage here in Alaska," said Mike McDougall, a trapper who worked with the scouts. "These kids are learning more than just how to take an animal. They're learning about ecology. They also got a definite sense of respect for the animals." The program is helping to curb a burgeoning population of the large rodents, which in Alaska can weigh up to 70 pounds. Their growing numbers are attributed to recent warm winters and a drop in commercial trapping. "Beavers are a valuable source of education for our young people," said Tom Seaton, a Fish and Game biologist. "Their carcasses can be used in many ways -- for food, for warm garments. Almost everything about beavers is good except when they flood your yard or knock down live trees."

**NATIONAL PREDATOR CALLING CHAMPIONSHIP***by Mike Kannapel, APC Secretary***Nov.7& 8, 2003--Rawlins, Wy.**

The trip to Wyoming went much better than expected as snow had fallen on Interstate 80 out of Salt Lake City, UT for several days prior to my partner, Ed Turner and I leaving our nice warm homes in Chandler and Mesa for the below zero climate of Rawlins, WY. Our hosts stated that over 200 wrecks had occurred during the snow storms prior to the contest. We arrived the afternoon before the contest start date and made contact with the rancher on whose land we were to hunt on. He allowed 3 other teams to hunt on the same ranch which was over 100,000 acres of private, state and BLM property. There was over a foot of new snow everywhere but we were able to get around with Ed's 4x4

pickup and his Honda ATV. The only fly in the ointment was that there was no cover to call from. All of the country was wide open rolling hills or completely flat land with no brush higher than small 8" high sage bushes. We also found out that this was the 3rd calling contest in the area in the last 3 weeks. Talk about educated coyotes!!! To make matters worse there was also a calling contest going on in Evanston and in Cheyenne the same weekend as the National Championship.

The first day we knew we were in trouble as coyotes barked at us everywhere and no end of coyote howling, or rabbit imitating would bring them within shooting distance. We ended up not even seeing a coyote the first day. After talking to several of the other contestants that evening they said that to be successful they had to call in the fog in the early morning when the coyotes couldn't see the callers. Even with our snow camo we still stuck out like the blob because of the lack of brush and trees. The successful teams did not call in the area we called in but were able to do well by driving to areas that had cover and less educated predators. None of the teams that called the ranch we called on turned in any coyotes the first day, however, there were plenty of dogs around.

Luckily, the 2nd day provided us with some very heavy fog until 10:30am and we were able to finally call in some of those smart dogs using several different bird calls. However we still finished out of the money as it took 8 animals to qualify for any winnings. The tournament results were as follows:

Winning team from Nebraska and Colorado of Johnson and Johnson had 15 coyotes for the 1½ day event.

The second place team from Wyoming had 12 dogs.

The total number of coyotes brought in for the event was 169 animals. Both of the two winning teams netted over \$4,000 each in the calcutta and the tournament. Not bad for a couple of days work.

All in all if was a fun, very cold event that I would go back to again if I had a place to go within a reasonable driving distance with coyotes in it that didn't have a MBA degree in hunter calling education and some cover so we could harvest them with shotguns and not have to make 1000 yard rifle shots.

**ADD A TOUCH OF WILD ELEGANCE TO YOUR DINING**

*-reprinted from the AG&F Wildlife News*

Add a touch of wild elegance to your dining by serving some antelope stroganoff. How about a platter of sweet and sour javelina or a sumptuous rack of roast rabbit?

The *Arizona Game and Fish Department* has the perfect cookbook for you, *Almost All Things Edible*, a special collection of favorite recipes department employees.

You'll find more than wild game recipes in this unique collection, although they certainly provide the seasoning. You might want to try Sour Cream Pumpkin Coffee Cake or possibly the Busy Woman's Dream. There are even tips for the care and handling of, well, everything from game birds to buffalo.

This interesting collection of recipes is available for \$7 at *Arizona Game and Fish Department* offices. While there, consider these other holiday gift ideas for the outdoors enthusiasts in your life:

- *Arizona Fishin' Holes* (revised 2000 edition), \$6. This popular guide to fishing waters lists all the public fisheries of Arizona, their facilities, types of fish, any restrictions, and even tells how to get there. A must for all anglers.

- *Arizonan's Wildlife Water Maps*, \$35. Have you ever been drawn for deer, elk or javelina in an area you don't know very well? Just imagine how helpful it will be to know all the wildlife waters in that area.

- *Maps for Game Management Units* 6A, 30B, and 30A, \$5 each. If you have tags in any of these units, or hunt them for small game, enough said.

- And don't forget to pick up your 2004 hunting and fishing licenses. They make the perfect gift for the hunters and anglers on your list.

Game and Fish Department offices also have free items that make great gifts and stocking stuffers, including a video on catching and preparing crayfish, a video that shows homeowners how to cope and co-exist with urban wildlife and a wide range of informational items on wildlife, off-highway vehicle programs and boating safety. To find the office nearest you, visit the departments Web site at [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com).

**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:** Remington model 66, 22cal semi- auto, black diamond, with a little 4x scope on it. - \$125.00 contact Dan at (480) 883-7148

**For Sale:** Dennis Kirk Radio Controlled Electronic Wildlife Caller with 23 tapes. Retail: \$480 will sell for \$280 complete with batteries. Please contact Mike Kannapel @ (480) 962 1976

**For Sale:** Mossberg 835 Ulti-Mag pump shotgun, 12 gauge, 3 1/2" chamber, 28" barrel, includes 4 choke tubes (IC, Mod, Full and steel XFull tubes), Shadowgrass camo design. \$325.00. Call Ned Burris (480) 357-5505

**For Sale:** 23 cubic foot upright freezer for sale. \$75 obo.

**Wanted:** Sewing machine. Call John Frabotta @ 480-699-8081.

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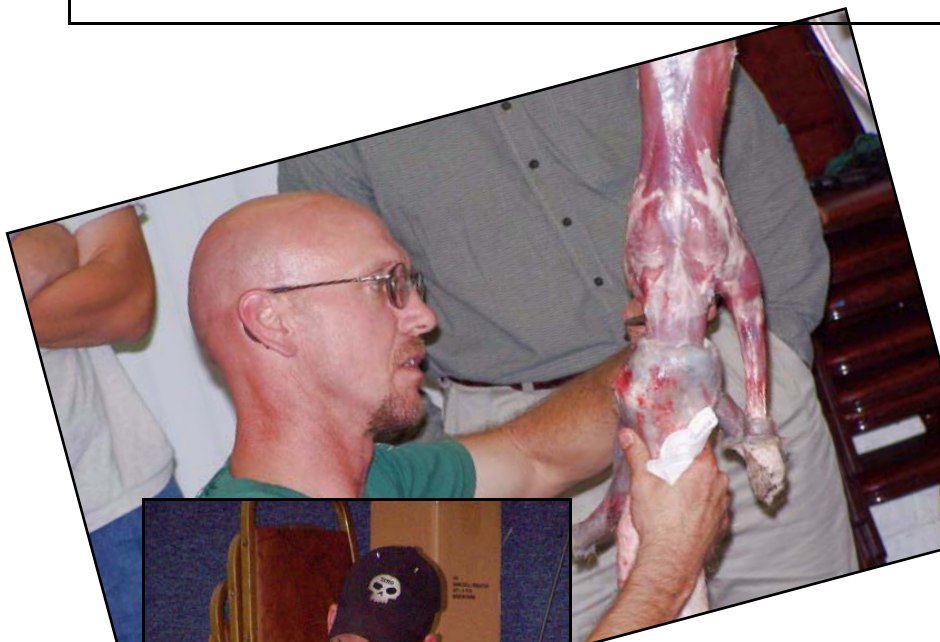


# APC MEMBERS-IN-ACTION



Those fortunate souls who were able to attend the last general meeting, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, were treated to an excellent presentation of skinning and proper fur care of harvested predators put on by APC member Jeff Serdy. Jeff has an extraordinary talent for making this sometimes complicated task look extremely easy. An excellent time was had by all those in attendance.

**Thank you VERY much Jeff for an EXCELLENT presentation!!**



Primary Annual Membership \$30.00  
Family Membership add \$5.00 (\$35.00 total)  
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