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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Solow, APC President

Howdy all APC members, as I write this newsletter just after Thanksgiving, the temperature here in Chandler is 36 degrees. I for one welcome the cooler weather and it's almost as cool as it is back east in New York. I hope that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

I have a lot of thank you's going out this month. . . first is to our November guest speaker, longtime APC member Jeff Serdy who did a fantastic informative skinning and fur handling demonstration. He showed us the best way to skin our animals also, how to protect the fur, after skinning and stretching. Thanks Jeff!!!

Thanks also go out to Lonny Penner of *L & M Predator Calls*. Lonny donated three varmint calls to the November raffle. Thanks Lonny!!!

Another thank you goes out to APC member Dusty Mosier. Dusty was kind enough to let us use his house for the October Novice Hunt check-in. Thanks Dusty.

Thank you to member Scott Breseman. Scott also allowed us the privilege to use his house for the November Novice Hunt check-in. Thanks Scott!!!

The Novice Hunt for November was quite successful. I believe 7 coyotes were taken, and it seems everyone had a store to tell, about the ones that got away. I would like to thank all the experience members who took out novice hunters. Way to go!!!!

Our big hunt this month is the annual *Three Club Hunt*. The date for this years event is Saturday,

December 18th. See the information article elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, remember that this is a *hand call ONLY* hunt.

Our club rifle raffle went very well, it did bring in some additional money in to the club. We will have another rifle to raffle beginning at the December general meeting.

WOW! It's hard to believe that the New Year will be here in a little more than three weeks. It seems like yesterday that we were still had triple digit temperatures. By the way, the New Year means that you will need to renew your Arizona hunting license, and forget that if you are going to hunt the big January hunt, you might want to purchase a 2005 mountain lion tag. You just never know what you may see up in the rim area.

Now with the holidays coming up, it would be a good time to stop by and support our local merchants, who support our club. With all these "big box" stores being built, it does squeeze the small merchants a bit, they may be the next endangered species.

As always, we can use some more newsletter articles for our newsletter. Just drop our webmaster an article about your last hunt, come on, it's easy.

In closing, I hope to see you at the December general meeting, have fun and be safe out there. If we miss you, have a great holiday.

Enjoy the outdoors, and be safe.

Dan

COMING EVENTS

World Championship Contest . . . 3 & 4 Dec '04
 December General Meeting . . . 9 Dec '04
 "Steve Ferrell - AZG&F"
 Three Club Hunt 18 Dec '04
 December Board Meeting . . . 27 Dec '04
 Fur Donation Hunt. 8 Jan '05
 January General Meeting . . . 13 Jan '05
 "Calling in Arizona - Reed Peterson"
 Save a Fawn Hunt. 15-16 Jan '05
 January Board Meeting 31 Jan '05

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, 2004 through November 30, 2004.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance.....\$5,199.17
 Check #1377 AWF - 9 memberships..... (58.50)
 Check #1378 Pitney Bowes.....(11.84)
 Check #1379 Tally-Ho (50 calls)..... (180.00)
 Check #1380 Crit'r Call (12 PeeWee's) (72.29)
 Check #1381 Mike Clerc - Newsletter (85.43)
 Check #1382 Dusty Mosier (hunt food) (70.25)
 Check #1383 AWF 7 memberships..... (45.50)
 Deposit (memberships) 589.00
Ending Balance 11/30/04 \$5,264.36

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance . 133.08
Call sales.....43.00
Dues127.81
Rifle Raffle130.00
Admission & Raffles106.94
Merchandise72.00
Deposit to Checking(495.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....117.83
Total Cash 11/30/04 \$5,382.19

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum 1 ...@\$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard..... 14 ...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee..... 12 ...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds..... 16 ...@\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog 5 ...@\$18.00
 Tally-Ho 56 ...@\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds..... 26 ...@\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts 200 ...@\$0.25
 T-Shirts..... 23 ...@\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts LS 11 ...@\$8.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS..... 18 ...@\$6.00
 APC Caps 10 ...@\$15.00
 WCCC Caps..... 12 ...@\$5.00
 Tail Strippers 0 ...@\$6.00
 Tail Zippers..... 5 ...@\$6.00
 Decals 900 ...@\$1.00
Total Inventory\$2,661.00
Total Assets\$8,043.19
Total Liabilities(\$0.00)
Net Worth\$8,043.19



APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

4/10/03 .ClydeTurkeys - Antley
 4/10/03 .ClydeTurkeys - Fears
 9/11/03 .Ed Volk Calling All Coyotes
 5/13/04 .Jud Heinze Truth #1 Predator Hunter
 5/13/04 .Ken McKenna..... Whitetails II
 8/12/04 .Scott Koch.. Power Howling Coyotes
 8/12/04 .Scott Koch Black Bear
 9/9/04 ...Fred Johnson ...How To Talk To Deer
 11/11/04 Jeremy Abegglen.. Power Howling Coyotes
 11/11/04 Andres Perez..... Callers of the Wild

Jerry

THE HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello everyone, I hope you are getting out there and doing some calling. Our November Novice Hunt was a success with seven dogs taken. We sent out ten novices with nine experienced club members, my son took two. Willard Bourquein and Jeremy Abegglen got two dogs, Ned Burris and John Koleszar got one, Mark Miller and myself also got one. I'm not sure who took the other three, and I don't know how many total animals where seen. The turn-in was at Scott's Breseman's house with plenty of good food, cold drinks, and stories to go around. Thank you Scott and Nicole for letting us intrude into your lives.

My day started before dawn with one coyote trotting in and leaving much smarter and faster with lead flying. Many stands latter, around noon a single dog was spotted circling us but never came in. Later in the afternoon we disturbed a sleeping coyote in a ditch, which ran into a cotton field never to be seen again. Several miles later we drove up onto a dike and there was a stupid dog standing there next to the road, she ran about forty feet and stood behind a bush, two quick loads of buckshot ended that gene pool. So we now had a dog in the truck and a good laugh about our hunting skills. Our last stand of the day was where we had seen the single coyote circling us at noon. We called in one, which disappeared as fast as it had appeared after a miss. So we unloaded our guns and hit the road still laughing about our single "road kill" in the back of the truck.

Our next club hunt is on December 18th, which is the Three-Club Hunt.

We would really like to win it this year, so if you can participate, it would be great. We still have several new members who would like to go out, if you can help us please let me know. Being able to call animals in is only part of the puzzle, getting them into the truck is another problem. Unless you have ever shot at a running coyote (which resembles a hockey puck zigzagging through the desert) it's hard to understand how you can miss. It happens to all of us and adds to the challenge and fun.

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

Dusty

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new members Juan Cordon, Jim Hogue, Kara Jensen and Michael Wildman.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expires
Tom Thornhill	1-Dec-04
Steve Blum	1-Jan-05
Van Hallman, Jr	1-Jan-05
C C Pulvermacher	1-Jan-05
Jack Simon	1-Jan-05

The following members will expire soon:

Frank Howard	31-Jan-05
Ward Rasmussen	31-Jan-05
Ronald Rosenhahn	31-Jan-05
Ron Sega	31-Jan-05
Terry Barone	01-Feb-05
Walt Gallaher	01-Feb-05
Eric Loeffler	01-Feb-05
Dan Morris	01-Feb-05
Michael Zaccardi	01-Feb-05
William Kienitz	15-Feb-05
Michael R. Burris	01-M ar-05
Ned Burris	01-M ar-05
Larry Eichman	01-M ar-05
Guido R. Roberti	01-M ar-05
Thomas Slaughter	01-M ar-05

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 ARIZONA PREDATOR CALLERS are presenting for our December general meeting will again feature Steve Ferrell, Deputy Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Steve will discuss the North American Model of Wildlife Management, as well as answering any questions hunters may have on the 2005 draw. The draw will not be available on the internet next year.

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.

The traditional *Three Club Hunt* will be held this year on December 18, 2004. The check-in will be at Park Links Road north of Tucson.

The *Fur Donation Hunt* will be held on January 8, 2005. Meet at George and Cindy Seff's house at dark for food and prizes.

APC, ADA, AAF, AEA PREDATOR HUNT will be held January 15 & 16, 2005. Meet at the same location that we used for our May 2004 hunt. The directions are: Hiway 260, 8 miles south of Heber, turn north at mile post 301 on Forest Service Trail 210. Go north 2.3 miles to our camp. There will be APC signs at the turnoff and at camp.

Mike



THREE CLUB HUNT INFO

by Mike Clerc, Newsletter Editor

Below, is the information sent to us concerning the upcoming *Three Club Hunt*, submitted by the host club, the *Phoenix Varmint Callers*.

The *Three Club Hunt* will be on December 18th, 2004. Check in will be at Park Link Road, same as last year, about 2 miles east of I-10. Check in time is 9:00pm. **No expectations.** Proof of kill is the whole animal, if skinned you will also need the carcass. The animal must have the spent cartridge tied or taped shut in the mouth of the animal.

Point values are:

Lion 100
Bobcat 50
Coyote 10
All the rest 5
(fox, badger, racoon, ringtail)

This is a hand-call hunt only.

PVCI is host and will supply a hot meal for those who participate, as long as the food lasts. There is plenty of room for over night camping. A skinning party will follow so we can save the good pelts. We can always use generators for the lights, if you have them. The hunt is just one day, Saturday.

SAVE A FAWN HUNT INFO

by Mike Burris, APC Vice-President

The first annual *Save A Fawn Coyote Calling Event* to be held on January 15 & 16, 2005.

The *Arizona Deer Association* in cooperation with the *Arizona Predator Callers*, the *Arizona Elk Society*, the *Antelope Foundation* with support from the *Arizona Game & Fish Department* would like to invite you and your organization to take part in our hunt.

This is a hunt with the purpose of helping the prey species and fawn recruitment in these units. Everyone that participates will receive a raffle ticket, you will also receive a raffle ticket for every predator checked in. We will have door prizes and a chance at \$50.00 drawings to help with the rising cost of gas. There will be no entry fee for this hunt and dinner will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for all that take part. The *Arizona Trappers Association* will be on hand to skin any animals that get checked in. *Arizona Game & Fish* will be there to collect scientific data from the animals collected to establish age and population specifics.

We held an event this spring and

with the success of that hunt we made the decision to make this an annual event. We can concentrate in these units to bring some much needed help to the prey species that live in this habitat. The following are the fawn to doe numbers from AG&F:

Unit 2A - 18 fawns to 100 does
Unit 2B - 19 to 100
Unit 2C - 5 to 100
Unit 3C - 24 to 100
Unit 3A - 16 to 100
Unit 3B - I didn't get a count but it also needs help.
Unit 4A - 21 to 100
Unit 4B - 22 to 100

If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Mike Burris, Vice President of the *Arizona Predator Callers* at (480) 654-1411 or at www.AZPredatorcallers.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike

NED AND THE NOVICE

by John Koleszar - Member

Going out with Ned Burris on a Novice Hunt is like going out with an eternal optimist. We started the morning in Payson, meeting for breakfast at Denny's. Ned and I talked briefly about where we were headed, and after a hot breakfast and coffee, we hit the road. We got to Winslow just after daylight, and started south from there towards Woods Canyon Lake. The first few stops were uneventful, but on the fourth stop, with Ned calling on his trusty Tally-ho, he was able to call in a beautiful female coyote from about 150 yards. The unlucky lady had come in downwind of us, and she had even seen the vehicle we had so carefully hid. With a single shot, Ned was able to bring her down, and we thought that the day had plenty of promise.

For the next 8 hours, Ned and I took turns calling, playing tapes, and doing every trick in the book to try and get some more volunteers to come in to us. Mother Nature however decided to play a trick on us, and she started by dealing wind, then rain, then sleet, and finally snow. By late afternoon, with the clouds threatening overhead, we dropped off the top of the Rim, and headed over to the Control road that runs from Kohl's Ranch to just south of Strawberry & Pine. The weather was not as severe in that area, and just before dark the winds settled down. We each thought that we would be able to get at least one more volunteer

for his black garbage bags, but with a lot of traffic, the smart dogs decided to leave us alone. We probably did at least 15 stands during the day, and covered a whole lot of territory.

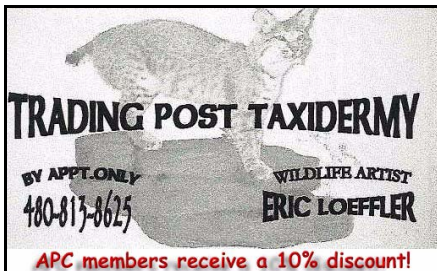
I think it turned out to be a nice trade off for each of us. Ned got to teach, and I got to listen. I had been hunting for predators for over a year, and almost always by myself. Frustration at never having seen anything come in finally got the best of me, and Ned was kind enough to spend the day explaining a lot of things.

One great thing about Ned is that so many areas looked promising to him, and his enthusiasm is very contagious. A lot of the areas I took him to he confirmed were great areas for coyotes or bobcats, so I knew that my site selection had been good. The playing of the tapes, and the calling seemed to be what I had been doing as well, so I started to think that maybe I had been doing a lot of things right, and maybe had called in critters in the past, but did not know how to look for them. As daylight faded, I was sorry to call a halt to our trip, but I came away feeling that I was on the verge of doing a lot of things right.

The next day, at about 3:30pm, I headed east towards Globe, and pulled off the road at a couple of areas that seemed decent for coyotes. The desert was alive with shooters of all kinds, from hunters to target practicing people to some nut with an automatic rifle that he shot in 25 round bursts every time he could. As the sun settled, and the rain came in, I made one last stop to call. I was only 100 yards from a busy road, but I decided to see what it had to offer. Just before last light, I heard a noise behind me. Sure enough, there was a coyote looking at me. As I turned, it disappeared, and then another coyote came in right behind it. While I may have not shot either one, I knew that in the future I will get the upper hand, and I now know that I am doing it the right way.

Thanks to Ned and the Novice Hunt, I feel that a whole new world of hunting opportunity ahs been opened to me. Thanks Ned!

John



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Attention ALL Hunters!!!
you are invited to the
8th Annual Fur Donation Hunt

Saturday
January 8, 2005

Tradition has had check-in at George & Cindy's house in Seligman . . . well, tradition remains!! Our location has 166½ acres near Seligman that connects to state land on 2 sides. PLENTY of room to bring the family. Come, setup the day before, if you please.

Entry fee -- \$5 per person

entry fee covers:

*dinner – served all night during check-in

*raffle ticket (also, one ticket per animal checked in)

Check-In: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday night

if you've been to this hunt in the past,
you know how much fun it is...
if it's your first year, YOU'LL LOVE IT!

RULES:

- Sign-up required prior to hunt
- May hunt any open hunt unit
- You do NOT have to check-in prior to hunt
- Only animals taken that day are eligible
- NOT required to donate fur (*donations benefit the Arizona Trappers Association. This hunt is designed to teach hunters how to put up their fur!*)

Directions: From Seligman, take Rt-66 west to Fort Rock Rd (*across from towers on mountain west of Seligman*). Go south on Fort Rock Rd approximately 2 miles to Sol La. Turn left (south) over I-40 for approximately 6 miles to check-in location. There will be signs at all forks in the road after Sol La.

For more information contact Cindy Seff (*see below*).

Questions???

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