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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President



I wish a very Merry Christmas to all of the members and friends of Arizona Predator Callers.

I must thank all of the experienced callers that took our novices calling on the October and November Novice hunts. A day afield with an experienced caller definitely straightens the learning curve.

I will again thank John Arterburn for providing APC with a Savage Axis again this month. Tickets are \$5 each... five for \$20. This is a dandy rifle... I want one.

Keli Black, an APC member, needs skulls from all types of animals. Please save the head of the animals you take, shoot or trap, freeze them and bring them to the meetings. They will be appreciated.

The Arizona State Predator Calling Championship will be held at Cabela's on Saturday, December 15 at 11:00 AM. I hope to see APC members compete this year.

The talented, skilled and very speedy Jeff Serdy will give his annual seminar on skinning and fur prep at the meeting this Thursday. We need good clean animals for the demos Please bring any predators you may take this weekend or have in your freezer. Be sure to remove them from the freezer by Tuesday so they will thaw. I hope to see everyone Thursday night.

Call'em close,

Rich

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Coming Events

APC Meeting.....December 13, 2012

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until ??

Membership Report

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Troy Simons, Bob Jeffery, Gary Clevenger and Skip Bargman

We want to welcome the following new members to APC:

Chuck Hagen of Mesa and Tim Banach of Gold Canyon

The following members will be expiring soon, if not renewed:

November: Stepen Brinklehy, John Clemens, Cory Johnson, Skylar Larson, Darrell Miller, Craig Barnett, Larry Eichman, Scott Fribbs, Steve Halvorsen and Larry Walden

December: Robert LaVoie, Devan Vowell and John Davis

Recently expired. We'd love to have you back:

Joe Cottrell, Steve Carter, Jeffrey Ross, Gary Schvaneveldt, Philip Bidegain, Kyle Carter, Sid Chalasani, Alex Johnson, Paul Melching, Bob Welch

Please renew your APC membership 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.

APC Video Library

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

9/13/12	Mike Hanna.....	Alone in the Wilderness
11/8/12	Dale Butler.....	Coming to the Call
8/9/12	Michael Munroe.....	Coyote Behavior
9/13/12	Ken Eaton.....	Coyote Rage-Free Grass
8/9/12	Jim Petersen.....	Coyote vs. 55 grains
8/9/12	Jim Hawkins.....	Hunting the Night Shift
11/8/12	Dale Butler.....	Nail Em AZ Style
9/13/12	Craig Barnett..	Power Howling Coyotes
9/13/12	Jim Petersen..	Prescription for Success
9/13/12	Dave Warren.....	21 Days

Thanks

Jerry

December Meeting Program

“How to Skin & Prepare Fur for Sale”

APC is proud to present **Jeff Serdy** as our December guest speakers. Jeff will demonstrate the proper technique for skinning, preserving your harvested pelts and putting them up to obtain the maximum dollar at the fur sale. This presentation is not to be missed.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa. 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 Rich Higgins, APC President, at 480-385-9772 or richaz1221@aol.com if you have any questions.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance
Beginning Balance 11-1-12...\$4,053.87

DC Novice Hunt food.....(\$24.18)
 DC Novice Hunt food.....(\$109.64)

Deposit - memberships.....\$737.00
 Deposit - memberships.....\$30.00

11/30/12 end balance.....\$4,687.05

Petty Cash Beginning Balance...\$103.31
 Call Sales.....\$0.00
 Merchandise.....\$0.30
 Dues Received.....\$120.00
 Raffles Received.....\$591.00
 Deposit to Checking.....(\$712.00)
 Petty Cash Ending Balance.....\$102.61

Total cash.....\$4,789.66

Total Inventory of Goods.....\$1,772.75

Total Assets.....\$6562.41



Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet January 12th

Make plans to honor your fellow wildlife conservationists by reserving your spot at the 21st annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at the Carefree Resort & Conference Center, 37220 Mule Train Road, Carefree, AZ 85377.

The event honors recipients of the 2012 Commission Awards selected during the commission's Sept. 7-8, 2012 meeting (see list of recipients, below). The awards recognize Arizonans who have contributed significantly to the conservation of the state's wildlife, its outdoor heritage, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. The cost is \$55 per person. The RSVP registration form is available for download online at www.azgfd.gov/commissionawards.

Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



The novice hunt last month was a success, with several coyotes brought in. There was a rather chilly wind blowing, so standing close to the grill was popular. Thank you, **Jerry Thorson** for cooking and **Jim O'Dell** for pulling the trailer out there.

I wasn't sure that I could go until Friday afternoon, so I didn't take a novice. I tagged along with **Stan Schepers** and **Danette** Saturday morning while he checked his traps. We called periodically during the morning and all afternoon until dark. Two coyotes, two fox, and an unknown critter were seen, but not a shot was fired. However it was still a fun day just getting out.

Please fill out your hunt records, I will be asking for them in April. Remember, nothing is dying unless lead is flying, get out there and start calling!

Be Safe, Have Fun,
Shoot to Kill!

Dusty

Hunt and Events Calendar

World Coyote Championship.....	December 2012
General Meeting.....	December 13, 2012
APC Board Meeting.....	December 2012
General Meeting.....	January 10, 2013
Multi Club Hunt.....	January 26, 2013
APC Board Meeting.....	January 28, 2013
Novice Boot Camp.....	February TBD
Antelope Eaters Hunt, Seligman.....	March 2013
Save A Fawn Hunt.....	March 30, 2013

More to come.

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Club hunting events are in red type.

Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

Keep Safe While Handling Your Pelts

Handling your fur without taking proper precautions can lead to a number of diseases or contracting parasites. Simple techniques like wearing rubber gloves and killing fleas prior to skinning can help prevent serious health problems.

Plague (yes, the Black Death) has been present in Arizona for years. It killed a National Park Service biologist working in the Grand Canyon area in 2007. This disease, carried by the flea is commonly found in prairie dogs and has been found on bobcats, lynx and domestic cats. Keep safe from flea bites by bagging your kill in a plastic garbage bag and either spraying with a bug spray or using powdered insecticide in the bag.

Rabies can be contracted by not only the bite of the animal, but by saliva, blood or some other body fluids and by handling of the brain matter from the dead animal. Rabies has even been transmitted by inhaling the bacteria.

Diseases like Rabies can enter your blood stream through an open sore or soft tissue like that found in

the mouth, eyes or nose. Keep your hands away from your face when skinning or handling dead animals. Don't be scratching or rubbing your face. Any microscopic hole in your skin can lead to contracting one of these diseases. Don't eat or drink while handling fur. This can give whatever you picked up on your hands and fingers an entry opportunity.

Use simple precautions to prevent or reduce risk. Wash your hands frequently and use antibacterial hand sanitizer. Wear rubber gloves at all times when coming into contact with blood, saliva or other body fluids while handling animals. This includes while skinning. If you happen to nick yourself while skinning, be sure to immediately apply disinfectant and wash the wound.

Most importantly, if you start having flu-like symptoms or feeling ill, don't hesitate. Make sure you tell the doctor you have a concern about one of these contracted diseases. Some may take up to two weeks for symptoms to appear. Keep Safe.

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Game and Fish launches new “Recreational Access Arizona” web mapping tool

Nov. 14, 2012

PHOENIX - The Arizona Game and Fish Department has launched an exciting new web-based mapping tool, “Recreational Access Arizona,” that provides hunters, anglers, and other outdoor recreationists with important information about access to and through private lands.

The free tool, which utilizes GIS mapping technology, is available at www.azaccessmap.com.

Recreational Access Arizona was developed as part of the Game and Fish Department’s efforts to secure, maintain and enhance public recreational access to private lands, or to federal or state-owned lands that are “land-locked” by private lands. It provides a wealth of other information as well.

Want to see the boundaries of the Game Management Unit you’re in or where water catchments are located? Are you interested in what wildlife species are in a particular area? All the information is available with the click of a mouse anywhere on the map. The more places you click, the more information you can find.

To help get you started, just click on the “How to Use the Map” link in the upper right-hand corner of the page after you’ve logged on.

Even more exciting is that you can create your own map using this tool with a topographic map, aerial images, or street maps as the background. Just export the map you make and print it out on your home printer, or take it in to a printing service to print a large map.

Development and maintenance of this tool was made possible through a grant that Game and Fish received from the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program, which is a federal program authorized in the 2012 Farm Bill.

The department plans to add information that is useful to hunters and other outdoor recreationists over time, so users are encouraged to use the “Send Comments” link in the upper right-hand portion of the web page to e-mail comments for consideration.

For more information, visit www.azaccessmap.com.

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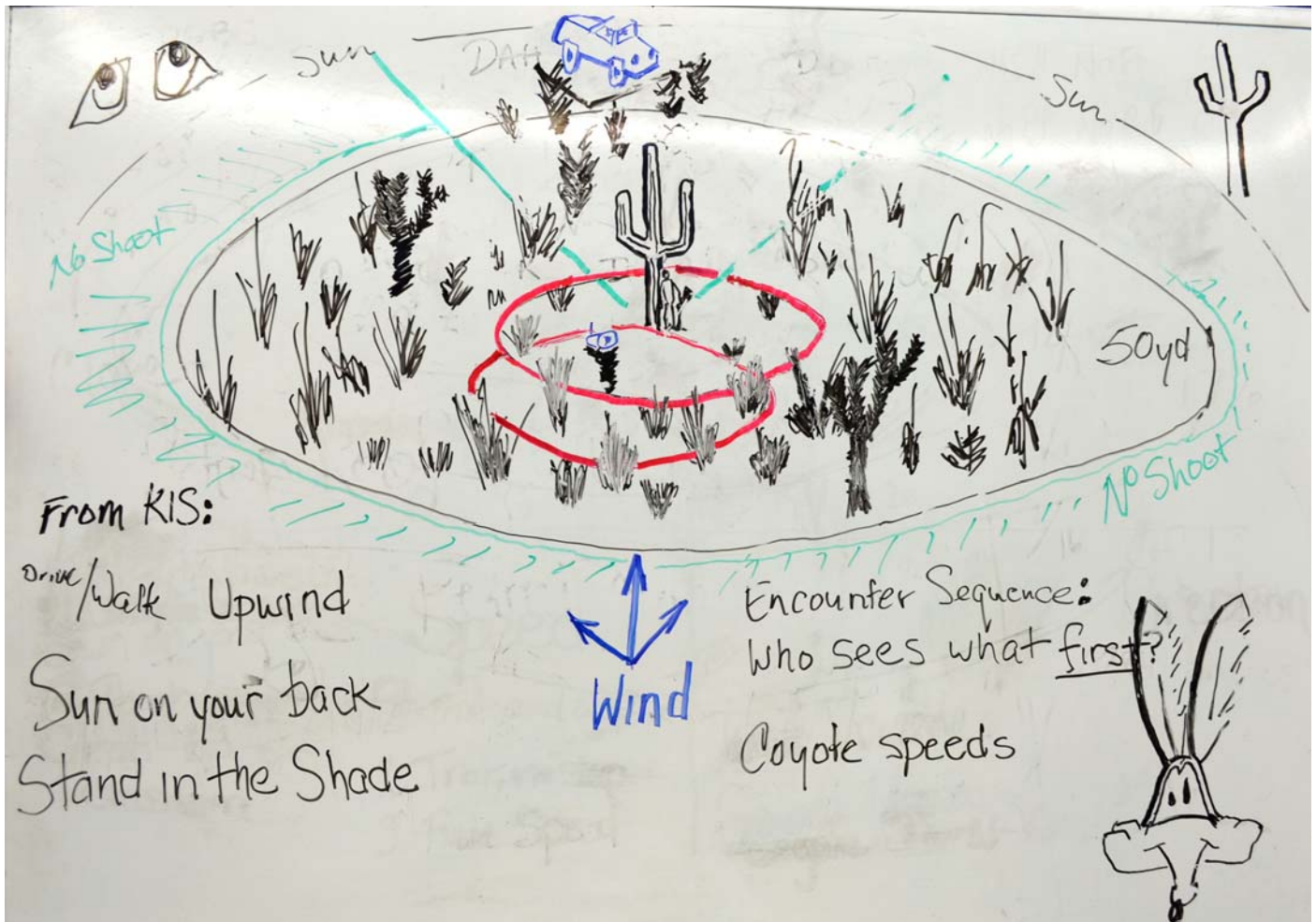
Guest Speaker Gary Clevenger

November 8, 2012



Gary Clevenger was the guest speaker at our November meeting. Gary spoke about his hunting techniques and use of the electronic caller.

A photo of Gary's stand setup is shown below.



Notes from Gary Clevenger

November's guest speaker, **Gary Clevenger** was very informative and entertaining. Here are some of the important tips that Gary left us with.

1. HUNT ANY TIME
2. Hunt in heavy cover with less than 50 yards of unobstructed visibility.
3. Stay low, below the ridge line.
4. Be quiet, no talking and use hand signals to communicate.
5. Camo is not necessary in heavy cover, but make sure your arms, hands and face are covered. Khaki colors are fine.
6. Drive less. Hunt outside city limits, but as close as possible. Be aware of firearm laws.
7. Stop often. Powerline roads or pipeline roads are good to hunt from. 1 mile coverage on call. Look at your odometer. On a windy day, call at .8 mile intervals. Walk 60 to 80 yards from your truck. Move quickly and move on.
8. Look for tracks and scat in the road. Hunt those areas.
9. If you see an animal, use a zig zag pattern going off on the roads onto side roads, both sides of the main road. Go at least 1 mile back those roads.
10. Don't be afraid to hunt from a busy road. When hunting from highways, pull off and go over the barbed wire fence. Walk in 60 - 80 yards and call.

Keep in mind that these setup and calling scenarios are for shotgun only. In close and fast action.

SETUP:

Wind: Drive upwind and walk upwind from truck. Set up with back to a large single tree or saguaro. Caller should be placed 12 -15 yards in front of you. Wind should be blowing in your face or a cross wind. Stand in the shade in a shooting stance with your shotgun at your side, barrel down.

Red Zone: The red zone is a 15 yard circle around you and then another 15 yard circle around the electronic caller which is 15 yards in front of you. (See the diagram on page 6.)

Calls and Calling with an e/caller:

Pause Calling: 15-20 second series and then pause for 2 minutes. By pausing, it gives the coyote a time to stop and look around, giving you a chance to shoot.

Calling Cadence:

Calling cadence is the key. The best recorded sounds have a .4 / .2 second cadence or a .6 / .2 cadence. Meaning a .4 second sound and a .2 second pause. Do a blast for 15 to 20 seconds, then squeezer and then quiet for 2 minutes. Stay on stand for only 8 to 10 minutes. A couple of FoxPro calls that are of this cadence are the Coyote Pup in Distress #3 and Coyote Pup Scream. Woodpecker is also a good call, but at .3 / .1 cadence.

Shooting:

If the coyote comes in straight and sees you and if it then goes behind a bush, drop to a knee and take a shot when it clears. 70 yards is the maximum distance you should be comfortable shooting to confirm a kill. Aim for the nose as a lead when it is moving. Remember that 1 pellet in the head, 3 in the neck and 5 in the body should do the job to put down a coyote. If it does move after shooting, shoot it again. Don't shoot it in the butt. **DON'T WAIT FOR THE PERFECT SHOT.** On a multiple dog stand, go after one and keep shooting until he is down. Then try for the second one.

Put only 3 shells in your magazine when hunting. The recoil can bend the crimp end of the shell if you load more than that.

Gary carries the minimum that he needs in the field. Remember, he is walking only 60 - 80 yards from the truck. Carry items in your shirt and cargo pants pockets: Extra shells, knife, pliers, mouth calls, etc. Leave your sticks and seats in the truck. Stand up while on the stand. (Is that why it is called a Stand?) Standing gives the most consistent start. Stand still, move eyes only and move your head as slow as a second hand if you must turn your head. Keep reflections down. Make sure your equipment is dull or camo.

Favorite ammo: Winchester #4 Buck, XB12L4.

Favorite Shotgun: Mossberg 935 with pistol grip.

Favorite Choke: Unported, Extended, Full Choke

Editor's Note: These notes are to the best of my note taking ability. If incorrect, I apologize to Gary. Thank you, Gary, for a great presentation.

Novice Hunt #2

November 10, 2012



Here are some pics for the last novice hunt. I'm on the left, my name is **Duane Blau**, **Jim O'Dell** in the middle and **Mike**. Mike and I are both new members. It was my first time harvesting a coyote. It was a blast and Jim's skills were amazing.
Duane



Bill and Sandy Baber attended the check-in.



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Drawing Winners at our November Meeting



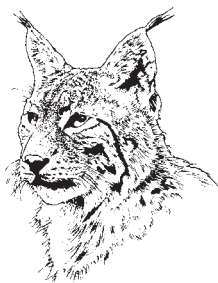
Our second ever “**Bucket Raffle**” was held at our November 8th APC Meeting. Six different prizes were awarded.

APC intends to offer these same types of raffles at all of our upcoming meetings.



Chuck Hagen won the Savage Axis .243 bolt action rifle at our November meeting. Raffle tickets go for just \$5.00 apiece or 6 tickets for \$20.00. **John Arterburn** of **Pinnacle Peak Ace Home Center** supplies our raffle fire-arms.

Gary Thompson shows off the camo jacket that he won in our bucket drawing. The jacket was donated by **Gary Clevenger**.



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Signature: _____

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