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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Solow, APC President

Howdy all APC members, Well January has been a very busy month. First off, we would like to thank our guest speaker Dave Kidd, from Montana, who gave a very informative talk on prairie dog hunting at our January general meeting. Dave explained what was needed, and what to expect while hunting dog towns.

I missed the *Fur Donation Hunt* held on January 10th, due to a prior commitment, but I understand we had a good turn out of APC members.

At the Three Club Hunt held on January 17th, the Tucson club (*Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers*), and the APC got blown out. The *Phoenix Varmint Callers* had about 40 hunters and they bagged more coyotes and foxes than the other two clubs combined. The check-in was held at a convenient location, and the food was great. I must admit, they did run a very good event this year.

I would like to thank Stan Schepers and Dusty Mosier for their efforts at trying to get more APC members out to participate in the *Three Club Hunt*. Their idea was to have a raffle at the check in, for those APC members that made the check in. We on the *Executive Board* need some feed back from our membership, on what you would like to do. We are always trying to get more participation from our club members with our club functions. We seem to have a very difficult time getting our members out to participate in these

things and it would be helpful to know what you are thinking.

Just a little reminder, that the *Mesa Gun Shop* did contribute a nice Ruger 17 rimfire rifle to the *World Championships* that we held. Thank you Scott and Walt.

We are also trying to find a new location for our club shootout. The only dates to us are May, July and October out at Rio Salado. That is the last Saturday of that month. For the first two dates the weather would be too hot, and the last would be into the hunting season. We will keep you informed of our event.

The meetings, February through May, we have some real good guest speakers lined up, see the calendar of events each month, in the newsletters for our months topic.

In closing, please continue to support the merchants that support our club. also, have fun in your outdoor activities, and above everything else, *please* be safe.

Dan



COMING EVENTS

February General Meeting . . . 12 Feb '04
JAVELINA!! - AG&F - Brian Wakeling
 FCW Predator Harvest. . . 7 & 8 Feb '04
 APC Board Meeting 23 Feb '04
 Predator Callers Expo 6 Mar '04
 Antelope Eaters Hunt. . . 13 & 14 Mar '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.

PROGRAM REPORT

by Mike Kannapel, Program Director

This months meeting, on Thursday, February 12th will feature Brian Wakeling from the AG&F, who will give a presentation on javelina and javelina hunting. If you were lucky enough to draw javelina tag for the rifle and HAM hunts later this month, this is a program you wont want to miss

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.

Mike

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from January 1, 2003 through January 31, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$14,391.99
 Check #1283 Mike Clerc WCCC Knives(170.00)
 Check #1284 Common Ground - 9/03 Newsletter(39.10)
 Check #1285 Pitney Bowes - Meter Rent (72.88)
 Check #1286 Mike Burris - Raffle (34.30)
 Check #1287 Mike Clerc - Newsletter . (113.95)
 Check #1288 AWF - 12 Members (78.00)
 Check #1289 McIlwain - Polygraph WCCC(521.60)
 Check #1290 Postal Privilege - Postage (120.00)
Ending Balance 01/31/04 \$5,562.54

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance 140.38
Raffles 82.00
Dues 35.00
Deposit to Checking (100.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance 205.08
Total Cash 01/31/04 \$5,767.62

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum3 ...@ \$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard23 ...@ \$9.00

Crit'r Call PeeWee.....20 ...@ \$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds.....16 ...@ \$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog5 ...@ \$18.00
 Tally-Ho.....59 ...@ \$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds122 ...@ \$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts248 ...@ \$0.25
 T-Shirts24 ...@ \$12.00
 APC Caps0 ...@ \$15.00
 WCCC Caps49 ...@ \$20.00
 Decals900 ...@ \$1.00
Total Inventory..... \$3,416.00
Total Assets \$9,183.62
Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)
Net Worth \$9,183.62

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

1/8/04.....Frank Howard Truth #1 - Predator Hunter
 11/13/03.Stan Schepers The Predators
 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 Mike Clerc, APC Membership

This year I have agreed to take over the *Membership Chairman* position, as it sort of fits in with the newsletter stuff anyway.

I would like to welcome the following new members; Bryce Bare, Greg Burton, Art Casillas, Van Hallman, Frank Howard, John Koleszar, Ward Rasmusen, Ronald Rosenhahn, Alec Schmitt, Ron Segal and Tom Thornhill.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expiration
Steve Blum	01-Jan-04
Van Hallman, Jr.	01-Jan-04
Lauralu Harkins	01-Jan-04
C C Pulvermacher	01-Jan-04
John Warfield	01-Jan-04
Leonard Colpitts	01-Feb-04
Walt Gallaher	01-Feb-04
David Hucklebridge	01-Feb-04
John Macias	01-Feb-04
Dan Morris	01-Feb-04
Robert Spurny	01-Feb-04
Gary Thompson	01-Feb-04
Ed Volk	01-Feb-04
Michael Zaccardi	01-Feb-04

The following members will expire soon:

Name	Expiration
Erik Barnes	01-Mar-04
Michael R. Burris	01-Mar-04
Mike Chapdelain	01-Mar-04
Carl D. Dustin	01-Mar-04
Andrew Jones	01-Mar-04
Ron Lopinski	01-Mar-04
Guido R. Roberti	01-Mar-04
Eric J. Vidana	01-Mar-04
Royce Bradsher	01-Apr-04
Jim Fuller	01-Apr-04
Hank Gonzales	01-Apr-04
Ray Harris	01-Apr-04
David Kuhns	01-Apr-04
Russell Legg	01-Apr-04
Al Lind	01-Apr-04
M att Nolan	01-Apr-04
Russ Runyan	01-Apr-04
Joshua Serdy	01-Apr-04
Dennis Slade	01-Apr-04
Herbert Stipe	01-Apr-04
Joe Talavera	01-Apr-04
James Waggoner	01-Apr-04
Brian Williams	01-Apr-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) 890-7801 or you can e-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Mike

THE HUNT REPORT

by Stan Schepers, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello Everyone,

The *Three Club Hunt* was a great time for Dusty, my daughter and I. Thanks to all the APC members who participated in the event. Hope everyone enjoyed the raffle prizes. Final score:

Phoenix Varmint Callers..... 200 points
Arizona Predator Callers..... 120 Points
So AZ Wildlife Callers..... 90 points

The APC had a team come all the way from Wikiup for the check-in, which brings up a sore subject concerning this event. **Why can't we get more APC members to participate in this hunt?** Every member I talk to has a reason for not hunting in this hunt, the biggest reason for not participating is that the hosting club (PVC) doesn't allow electronic calls. Every year, it is the same small

group who participate (10 to 12 members) and yet the PVC have a huge turnout, they easily had 30 to 40 teams this year. This hunt doesn't seem to interest the majority of APC members, so maybe it is time that the APC completely stops participating and maybe do another hunt teaming up with the AG&F or the AZ Mule Deer Association, etc. It could be more rewarding for the APC and I suspect that more of our members would get involved and feel good about the event. Another option would be to give the PVC the option of changing their rule concerning the use of electronic calls or we (APC) won't participate in the hunt.

I would like to hear from all of you APC members on what you would like to do concerning this hunt and if you have any other ideas for an alternative hunt or event that the APC membership could/would get more involved in.

On a similar note, every year I see new faces that come to a couple of the meetings and then they disappear, never to be seen again. Anybody have an idea why this is? Again, I would like to hear from you, see me at the meetings or call me @ (602) 499-0505..

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

Stan

ARE YOU SUPPORTING ANTI-GUN INTERESTS?

Stop Supporting the Big Anti-gun Internet Service Providers!

The parent companies of AOL / Time Warner / Compuserve, Sprint / Mindspring / Earthlink, and Southwestern Bell / Prodigy -- just to name a few, have all given money in the past to Sarah Brady. Now, there is an ISP dedicated to gun rights and the sporting life. Plus a portion of your monthly fee will be donated to GOA. By switching to Outdoors Unlimited, you move money away from the Brady Bunch and to the fight for the Second Amendment. Check out <http://www.outdoorsunlimited.net> and consider switching your Internet service today.



PREDATOR CALLERS & HOUND MEN EXPO

from Jay Nistetter, APC Member

When: Saturday, March 6th, 2004

Where: Silver City, New Mexico

This will be a one day gathering of Predator Callers and Hound Men, for the 1st annual Expo in Silver City, New Mexico.

Some of the people who will be attending are, Doug Kittredge, Jim Dougherty, Murry Burnham, Gerry Blair, Bowen Weems, Major Boddicker.

There will be a floor of vendors in one room and all day seminars in the second room. A fabulous Mexican Buffet for dinner, the Hall of Fame awards along with raffle prizes the rest of the evening.

Be a part of history and attend the first annual *Predator Callers & Hound Men Expo*. You will have a great time and make new friends.

For detailed information, visit the following link:

<http://www.exit201.com/expo/pch.shtml>

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Expo.

Jim Dougherty - World Calling Champion, sixteen calling titles, author of *Varmint Hunter's Digest*, archer by profession, has hunted on three continents, inducted into the Bowhunters Hall Of Fame.

Murry Burnham - considered one of the true pioneers in the predator calling industry, expert caller and teacher, innovative product line, expert at night hunting and highly sought subject of any writer, hunter or photographer interested in predators and learning about their behavior.

Gerry Blair - has authored 14 books, long time writer for *Trapper Magazine* and *Trapper Predator Magazine* whose writing style is homey and second to none, world record holder for muzzle loader elk, photographer and videographer.

Bowen Weems - of the famed Weems Wild Call predator call has connections in the predator calling world deep rooted in Texas with the very first predator calling club and what many people consider the finest predator call ever made, ties to Bud Lindsey of the Pied Piper predator call,

Major Boddicker - World traveler,

author, CEO of Rocky Mountain Wildlife Products, maker of the CritR²Call since 1976. Major is an author and also the subject of countless articles on predator calling and hunting, videographer, Bachelors degree in Biology from St. Johns University, Collegeville, Minnesota, Masters degree in Zoology from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota and finally a Ph.D. in Entomology, also from Brookings.

Doug Kittridge - World Champion caller and considered one of the toughest to beat in any contest competition.

Gerald Stewart - of the H.S. Johnny Stewart Product Line is extremely well known as a predator caller, writer, videographer and speaker. His friendly, down-home persona makes his seminars not only interesting, but fun.

Ed Wimberly - One of the all-time great callers of today will be manning the Hunter's Specialties table.

Bob Harper - World acclaimed and renown hunter & caller.

We'd all like the opportunity to attend the Super Bowl and shake hands with the NBA Dream Team, well... This Expo is that big as far as predator callers should be concerned. That's what this board is about isn't it? We all love hunting predators and are always striving to become better. Take a look at the following greats that are going to attend. I hope you can fathom the opportunity offered here.

Any of you vendors like *All Predator Calls*, *Loudmouth*, *Fox Pro*, *HS*, *Cronk* and others should make it a point to reserve a table and rub elbows with your client base. It will be the cheapest Expo you will ever wish you attended.

If you're a writer, this would be the best opportunity you will ever have to interview and write stories of the people and event.

Seminars will be performed by Major Boddicker and Gerald Stewart.

Tal Lockwood may attend but is not sure as of this date.

I will have my Circe and Weems collections there as well as my book, calls and video.

Take care.

Jay



AWF HABITAT NEWS

from Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

The Buenos Aries fence removal project is continuing with great success. The January 10, 2004 project (during the Fur Donation hunt) removed 1.1 miles of 5 strand barbed wire and 150 T posts. The fence bisected prime antelope habitat, limited migration, and the antelope's ability to escape from predators. Not many APC members participated in this fence removal project because it was held on the same Saturday as the *Fur Donation* hunt. The volunteers who did participate enjoyed a steak dinner that was provided by the AWF.

Mark your calendar and call the AWF office at (480) 644-0077 to sign up for these future habitat projects:

Buenos Aries on 3/20/04 plan to remove 8 miles of fence and enjoy another steak dinner. This project will include students from an ASU biology class so come and find out why Willard has a passion for fence removal projects.

Apache Sitgraves National Forest on 4/17/04, removal of an 8 foot tall fence that greatly impacts elk and other wildlife movements.

Jerry

AG&F HELP REQUEST

Editors Note: We recently received the following note from Mark Zornes, who is the Predator Furbearer Biologist for the AZG&F.

Sorry I missed the meeting on Thursday. Got tied up with some personal stuff that I couldn't put off. I have some places we would like to see some additional predator harvest from your organization:

- 1) Game Management Unit 1 - around White Mountain Wildlife Area
- 2) Eastern portion of Unit 4B
- 3) Anywhere in Unit 9
- 4) Yavapai Ranch (New Water area) in the northeastern 1/4 of 17A
- 5) Unit 21 west

More to follow,
Mark

LUCKY COYOTES OR PRIDE GOETH BEFORE THE FALL

by Larry Scribner, APC Member

I was recently thinking of some of the great shots I have made. When I moved to Alaska in 1967 I did well with a peep sighted .30-06. My first two Dall sheep were dropped at over 300 yards. Later with a scoped 7 mm Remington magnum I got one at over 400 yards. My two best running shots were for two 4 point deer in Oregon. The most unique shot was a 4 point buck in Oregon at 390 yards when I was still barefoot in the tent. A 5x5 elk in Colorado 375 yards across a canyon, a 6x7 elk in New Mexico 3 years ago at 317 steps and last years 5x5 bull in Colorado at 300 yards all provide me with bragging material. Not all were one shot and there were some missed, but over all, I thought I was a good shot.

THEN... I joined the *Arizona Predator Callers* and met some coyotes up close and personal. I was sure that if a coyote could be called in to 30-40 yards, then my 870 Remington pump with 3" Federal Premium #4 buckshot fired through a Pattern Master choke tube, would make the job easy. My first three shots for coyote at 20, 30 and 40 yards were successful as was a 55 yard shot at a bobcat.

This is way too easy I thought. Then I went to the *Arizona Trappers Fur Donation* hunt. At sunrise a coyote raced 5 yards past my Predator Supreme Decoy (\$39.99) before I could get my gun up. At 9:00 a.m. a coyote somehow sneaked in to stare at the decoy. My three shots just made him run away really fast.

The next coyote was even luckier. I was about to move my location when I spotted a coyote 300 yards out. I continued calling and 15 minutes later he sauntered up. While he focused on my decoy, I found a hole in the juniper I was standing behind and at 10 yards I fired. I couldn't believe I missed! The next two shots were as inaccurate as the first.

My next hunt was near Marana. I called for about 5 minutes when a large bobcat jogged in. When he stopped behind a few bushes to contemplate my decoy, I got my gun up and ready. After 15-20 minutes I could hold still no

longer and slowly stretched out my legs. Full camo does no good if you flash white socks---the cat was gone in a second. At least I didn't miss!

By noon it was really too late and hot to hunt, but I wanted to explore. I found a good location, but with poor visibility. Within 5 minutes, I raced "Lucky" the coyote. He stopped only 10 yards away to study the situation. My shotgun was resting across my legs. Do I do a 'slow motion' or a 'fast draw'? Lucky got panicky and didn't know which way to run. I finally got a clear shot, but Lucky was now directly behind the decoy and I didn't think Lucky was worth \$39.99. I finally got a shot as he flew through the bushes. Yep, I got the bushes.

I now have a new short barrel with rifle sights. How can I miss? Be assured I won't be doing much bragging on my shooting ability for a while. Who said predator hunting was easy???

Larry

HUGE MOUNTAIN LION

Editors Note: The following pictures and description are from a friend of mine, Jim Hackiewicz, who is a Washington State resident and an avid predator caller. Jim is a medium sized guy, 5'10" tall and 175 pounds, and there was no editing of these photos at all, this is one HUGE lion!



The lion was taken using an electronic call, the shooter was using a 165g bullet in a venerable old .30/06. The skull was green scored at 15-12/16 which ties it

with 5 others skulls for 6th place in the world. The weight of the lion was just a little over 200 pounds. . . that's a BIG kitty!!



APC CLASSIFIEDS

Individual classified ads are listed free in the Varmints Voice to all APC members. For commercial ads, please contact the newsletter editor.

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