

# PREDATOR'S PRIDE



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## President's Message

Mike Burris - APC President

We welcome the New Year and hope everyone had safe holidays. There were a lot of great events that took place last year and we still have a lot of them coming up yet this year. We have been having an increasing number of club members participate in our events this season. It is good to see more new members being able to go out calling with experienced callers and learn some of what makes this sport so much fun and rewarding. The goal is to have more new members taking part in the *Three Club Hunt* and *Antelope Eaters Hunt* and try to field as many APC teams as possible. This year we are hoping for a record number of teams at both. Before we get to those events we have our *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fur Donation Hunt* that we have been holding in cooperation with the *AZ Trappers Association*. It is being held on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and the check in is at George & Cindy Seff's house in Seligman, AZ. This a fun hunt and we always have a lot great food thanks to Cindy and some of the other wives. There are lots of donated prizes given away and some that we raffle. It only costs \$5 to help with the food and you'll have more than \$5 worth of fun and there's plenty of room for everyone to camp overnight.

We held our *World Championship Coyote Calling Contest* last month on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Williams, AZ. There was a great turn out with 56 teams in the hunt. They checked in 213 coyotes and with the teams that didn't make it back to the check in but call in we had a total of 252 coyotes and 9 bobcats for the 1¾ day hunt. By the informal poll we took, it was estimated that 85% of the teams hunted in Northern AZ. That means a lot of help for the prey species in those areas. The *AZ Trappers* were on hand to take all the animals that weren't taken by the hunters. There are a lot of thanks that need to go out to a lot people! This was a huge undertaking when we got started and it was even more of a success when we were done. Thanks to everyone that helped and to everyone that hunted or took part in some way. We are already making plans for next year and looking forward to the event being even bigger and better.

The *Three Club Hunt* is coming up on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and is going to be in the same place as last year. The only difference is that we will be under the

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

THURSDAY, JAN 9<sup>TH</sup> – GENERAL MEETING, 7PM - JAVELINA  
FOP LABOR HALL, 1452 E. MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

SATURDAY, JAN 11<sup>TH</sup> – FUR DONATION HUNT  
CHECK-IN AT SEFF'S RANCH, SELIGMAN, AZ

SATURDAY, JAN 18<sup>TH</sup> – THREE CLUB HUNT  
CHECK-IN AT SANTA MARIA RANCH, WIKIUP, AZ

MONDAY, JAN 27<sup>TH</sup> - APC BOARD MEETING, 7PM  
AWF OFFICES, 644 N. COUNTRY CLUB, MESA, AZ  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

## February

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEB 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>  
F.C. WILLET MEMORIAL HUNT  
CHECK – IN WILLET RANCH, WILLIAMS, AZ

THURSDAY, FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> - GENERAL MEETING, 7PM  
FOP LABOR HALL, 1452 E. MAIN ST, MESA, AZ

MONDAY, FEB 24<sup>TH</sup> – APC BOARD MEETING, 7PM  
AWF OFFICES, 644 N. COUNTRY CLUB, MESA, AZ  
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bridge at the Santa Maria River on Highway 93, which is 42 miles north of Wickenburg, AZ. On the south end of the bridge turn to the east and we will have signs for the check in. Hope to see all of you out there.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and maybe we can swap some stories. This month is when we hold our club elections, so if you can be there please do.

*Mike*

### From The V.P.

Dan Solow – Vice President

Howdy All Members,

I hope everyone had a great holiday, along with a healthy Happy New Year. It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Let's hope that the New Year will be better than the past year.

By the time you receive this newsletter, if you are going out hunting, make sure you have your new 2003 hunting license.

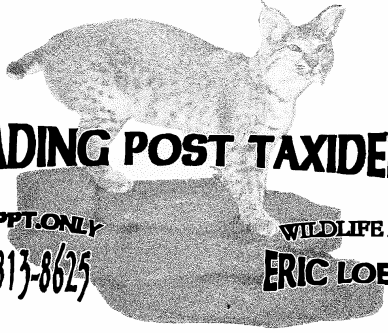
Also, we have a number of club activities coming up in January and February; please check the calendar of events elsewhere in the newsletter.

It's good to see that we are getting some wet weather, we hope that this winter that we receive more rain than in years past. More wet weather will help our wildlife; it will produce green plants and flowers, along with cover to hide in. Also, with the ground being wet, watch out for them soft spots (mud), if you are off road, going to cost some big bucks to get hauled out if you get stuck.


One event coming up around March/April is our Club Shoot-Out. Now is the time for some ideas this event, also, the young shooters had a blast last year shooting silhouette targets, great time to bring some new shooters out, 22's are fun to shoot.

A big thank you goes out to Scott Breseman who has been our newsletter editor for some time now. Now Mike Clerc will be the new editor. Great job Scott! Anyone wishing to write an article, or have a hunt photo printed in the newsletter, please contact Mike Clerc. To start the New Year, please visit our local sponsors that support our club, drop by and say hello. Till next month, have fun and be safe.

*Dan*



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## Membership Chairman

Debbie Burris

We are once again off to a great start this month with several renewals and new club members! I would like to welcome Dan Hoffman of Gilbert, Dave Warren and Matthew Woodall both of Mesa and John Warfield of Prescott Valley. Welcome aboard gentlemen. Our latest renewals are Ned Burris, John & Susan Frabotta, Pete Goula, Van Hallman, Phil Hiddessen, Fred Johnson, Larry Scribner and Dan Solow. Your continued support is very much appreciated. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays, stayed safe and was able to spend your time with the ones you love.

These Members Have Expired:

Terry Barone	01/01/03
Jim Boren	01/01/03
Scott Breseman	01/01/03
Van Hallman, Jr.	01/01/03
Don Martin	01/01/03
Wilson Potterville	01/01/03

These Members Will Expire Soon:

Walt Gallaher	02/01/03
Dave Hucklebridge	02/01/03
John Macias	02/01/03
Ed Volk	02/01/03

If you have 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 [bda30@outdrs.net](mailto:bda30@outdrs.net) or [membership@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com) anytime.

*Debbie*



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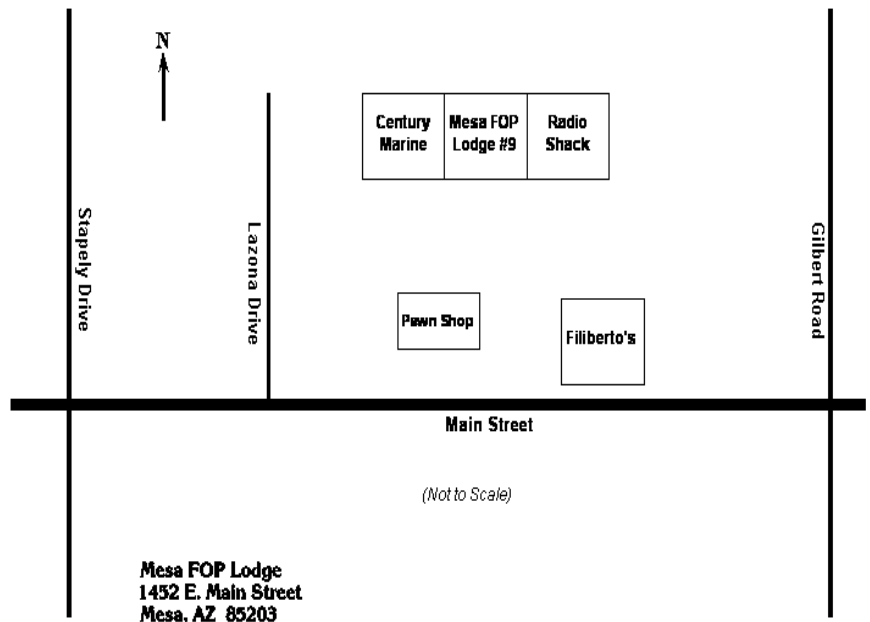
**We won't be offended if you tell us to "STUFF IT."**

## January General Meeting

Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2002 at 7:00 PM, Mesa FOP Lodge #9 Labor Hall, 1452 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ

January's meeting topic is javelina. The meeting features a presentation by Tice Supplee, from the *Arizona Game and Fish Department*. The seminar is free to all 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 President at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.

Come on down and bring a friend.



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## Treasurer's Report

Jerry Thorson

Below is the APC treasurer's report. Since I missed the last two meetings because of elk hunts, the inventory and video sections have not been updated. The check book had a December balance of \$3,982.82, which will decrease in January when we write a check to the AZ Children's Charity for \$850. I think APC will net about \$1,700 from the WCCC activity after we pay AZ Children's Charity.

### Checking Account

12/01/02 Begin Balance .....	\$9,545.19
1231.... Miss Kitty's Steakhouse (WCCC) .....	(\$547.55)
1233.... Jerry Thorson - WCCC Cash Prizes..	(\$6,000.00)
1234.... Willet Memorial (Scholarship Fund)...	(\$1,375.00)
1235.... Eric Vidana (Raffle).....	(\$25.00)
1237.... East Valley Trophies (WCCC).....	(\$314.78)
1238.... ZIMAGE - WCCC Hats (ck#1244) .....	(\$576.00)
1239.... Mike Burris (WCCC & APC Supplies)....	(\$39.66)
1240.... Duncan Davis (WCCC) .....	(\$12.67)
1241.... Polygraph Services (WCCC).....	(\$629.90)
1242.... Mountainside Inn (WCCC Room).....	(\$49.81)
Deposit 12/8/02 (WCCC funds) .....	\$4,008.00
12/30/02 Ending Balance .....	\$3,982.82

### Petty Cash

Beginning Balance .....	\$53.53
Call Sales & Raffles.....	-0-
Deposits to Checking .....	-0-
Petty Cash Ending Balance .....	\$53.53
Total Cash 12/30/02 .....	\$4,036.35

### Inventory

Calls, Shirts, Hats, Decals, etc.....	\$3,279.75
Total Assets .....	\$7,316.10
Long Term Debt .....	-0-
Total Liabilities .....	-0-
Net Worth.....	\$7,316.10

### Video Library

10/10/02... Fred Johnson .....	<i>Archery Hunting Tactics</i>
03/28/01... Robert Coker .....	<i>Black Bear</i>
11/14/02... Royce Bradsher .....	<i>Calling All Coyotes</i>
10/10/02... Fred Johnson .....	<i>Callers of the Wild</i>
09/12/02... Alex Schepers.....	<i>Giants of the Forest</i>
10/10/02... Walt Gallaher.....	<i>How To Hunt The Majestic Elk</i>
11/14/02... CDV .....	<i>Power Howling Coyotes</i>

*Jerry*

## A Contest Hunt

Dusty Mosier

Those of you who missed the World Championship in Williams missed a great hunt. I have only been a member of this club for about a year and a half and I am still new at this, for the most part. The opportunity to hunt in a contest was very exciting. None of my usual hunting partners could make it, so I paired with Paul Goble from the *Phoenix Varmint Callers*. His partner had recently pulled out. We talked several times on the telephone but did not actually meet until Friday morning when we left for Williams. Paul is an experienced hunter although he has not been hunting on a regular basis for several years. However he was excited about this hunt and had scouted several areas before the hunt. Since he was driving, we would hunt his areas.

We headed north Friday morning and drove through the areas he had scouted so I would know where we would be hunting. Friday evening was the sign in and pre-hunt briefings, held at Miss Kitty's Steakhouse. All the rules for the hunt were covered and side bets were placed. We stayed in Williams that night and headed south early Saturday morning.

- First stand- 21° just light enough to see, we walked down a little road to a small thicket, I called for fifteen minutes or so. Nothing, so we went back to the truck to leave. Across the valley, a little less than 300 yards, were two animals walking towards where we had been calling from. We quickly exited the truck and through my scope, I saw two bobcats moving through the brush. BANG! BANG! I got him, one dead cat!
- Second stand- Paul decides to use a recording and a decoy. Across the big basin came loping in a single coyote. I watched him in my scope until he disappeared into a small ravine in front of Paul. BANG! Paul fired; I caught several glimpses of the fleeing greyhound as it streaked away through the trees.
- Stand three and four- nothing
- Stand five- very thick, so I take my shotgun, and put Paul on a small rise behind me with his raffle. I called for about five minutes,

BANG! A coyote had come in from the flank and winded me. He circled and took off; Paul made a long shot over my head, but missed.

- Stands six and seven-nothing.
- Stand eight- I called in a Javelina.
- Stand nine, ten, eleven- nothing.
- Stand twelve-I was calling, BANG! A single small dog had appeared in front of Paul and became the first coyote in the truck.
- Stand thirteen- last stand of the day, nothing but a great sunset.

Saturday night was spent in Wickenburg.

Sunday we headed back to where had ended the night before, planning to work some of the same spots in reverse back to Williams.

- First and second stands did not prove successful. It was cold and very windy.
- Stand three - Paul was calling when a coyote suddenly appeared sixty yards up wind in front of me. As I slowly raised the rifle, he jumped into the wash and was gone. I scanned the horizon and there was another coyote, standing at about 200 yards, looking right at me. He was looking from me to the wash then back at me. I guess the scout dog was returning to report in. Oh well, "A bird in the hand," I set the crosshairs on his chest, BANG! The dog falls. I walked over, wrestled him into a bag, and started back, WOW, what a pig.
- Stand four- I called in a coyote that circled down wind and ran into Paul, BANG! Another misses. Oh well
- Stand five, six- nothing.
- Stand seven- we were in the same spot as stand two on Saturday, tape and decoy, five minutes here comes a lone coyote across the same valley as the day before. It went into same ravine in front of Paul, BANG! He got him this time.

With three coyotes and one bobcat, we head in to Williams to check in. What a picture that was: a line of 4x4's and piles of

dead, stinky coyotes, and a small trailer, shaped like a log cabin, selling sandwiches and pop. It does not get any better than this! The fat pig of a dog that I shot that morning turned out to be the Big Dog, at thirty-five and a half pounds, we won \$440, and a prairie dog hunt to New Mexico. The awards banquet was great, lots of prizes, good food, and great conversation. We got back to town around midnight Sunday, dead tired.

As I started with, those of you who missed this hunt missed an awesome hunt. Paul and I are both, basically amateurs at this and had never met until the weekend of the hunt, and we did all right and had a great time. I am looking forward to next year and so should you.

*Please remember to be safe, have fun, and shoot to kill!*

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## Finally, A Good Day

Willard Bourquein

This bit has been a long time coming, I was here in Arizona for the month of November, then my daughter wanted me home as she made me a grandfather again. Had a water main break with 5" of snow on the ground, couldn't get a plumber, had to fix it myself, almost got pneumonia. This adds up to no hunting in December, **what a bummer!!**

During November, I had one nice two and a half day trip. A late morning setup next to a giant cotton field maybe 100-125 acres. Standing in the fence row next to some very thick brush (I still don't know the names of half the trees out here). Calling for just a few minutes, she pops out on the road. OH MY GOSH! She is 20 yards away and I've got her big 10 gauge, as she turns to look at me, my thoughts are "better take her now, if she gets to the tall grass she will be gone". **BOOM!** A 20 pounds female bobcat!

The next morning, I took three coyotes and headed back for a late morning nap, with the big number 70 coming up next week, I seem to need a little break in the middle of the day. Laying there resting, I was thinking about that big cotton field... there should be another cat in there.

As the shadows begin to lengthen, I parked on the west side of the same cotton field. My white truck blended in perfect with the unpicked cotton. I walked 300 yards along the north side of the field, and found a small tree for me to snuggle into with

my back into the sun. The opening is 40 yards to where the brush starts, with some overhanging branches on the old road way. What a perfect spot for a cat.

Set the caller out in the cotton field, back into the



tree with the 12 gauge. Earlier in the day the old 10 gauge had jammed when unloading, found some large pieces of plastic which wouldn't let the bolt open. Turns out to be some sort of

shock absorber had broken up either from too much heat, old age or too many impacts, who knows.

Been calling now for 6 or 7 minutes, through the branches I see this familiar coyote lope coming down the old road way. **DARN IT!**, of all the times for a coyote to show up, it's going to mess up this good bobcat stand. There's another glimpse of the lope, as soon as he comes out I'll take him anyway. He pops out from under the brush, makes a left turn. **WOW!! BOOM!!**

Big bobcat!! This is the biggest cat I've gotten yet. My old spring scale reads 24 pounds and it's another female.

Call 'em in Close

**Willard**