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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Solow, APC President

Howdy all APC members, well I hope everyone has had a great holiday. Your Board of Directors wishes everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

A big thank you to our December guest speaker, Deputy Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Steve Ferrell. Steve gave us an excellent overview of the "North American Model of Wildlife Management". It was quite easy to follow, and be able to see that wildlife management has improved and saved many of our natural resources. Great job Steve!

I also would like to thank, all the members who participated in this years Three Club Hunt. As you know, we finished only 10 points behind the Phoenix Club, which means that once again they will be hosts next year, they will host the hunt, and set the rules for it. A thank you to Vice President Mike Burris for his great chilly dinner he cooked up at the check-in.

On March 19, 2005, we will hold our annual Club Shootout. It will be held at the Rio Salado Sportsman range in Mesa. This will take place in the afternoon, due to the range schedule. More shootout news to follow in up coming newsletters.

January is going to be a busy month for us. First, please remember to purchase your new hunting license, yes your old one expired New Years Eve. On January 8th, we will have the annual Fur Donation

hunt. Check is once again at George and Cindy Seff's home, just outside of Kingman. Again you may hunt any where you wish.

The big event, maybe of the year, is the "Save a Fawn" hunt, held on January 15-16, up along the rim area. We would like to see hunters in the Heber area, but again you may hunt where you like. If you have not been up in this area, it is very pretty country, pine forests, or open rolling plains, should be a nice hunt.

January is also the month we hold elections for our club officers. If you wish to nominate someone, they must be present to accept the position. Voting will be held at the January general meeting.

This month I will be stepping down from the President's position. I wish to thank the Board Members for their hard work in giving the membership an excellent program.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting the local merchants who support our club. Hope to see you at the January general meeting.

Enjoy the outdoors, and be safe.

Dan



COMING EVENTS

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
 February General Meeting 10 Feb '05
 February Board Meeting 28 Feb '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.

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 .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 Stan Schepers, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello everyone. December 18th was the *Three Club Hunt*. The APC had a good turn out. The Phoenix club had 110 points, APC had 100 points and the Tucson club had 20 points. If you were there you know there was a bigger story, because my daughter Alex, made sure everyone knew she killed two coyotes without any help from dad.

It all started early Saturday morning, Alex and I picked up new APC member Kara Jensen & headed south. I scouted a couple the area the week before and there had been a lot of bobcat sign.

At first light, a few miles from my first stand, two coyotes ran in front of the truck so we stopped, checked the wind and circled back. We called and called, moved around to a couple different locations trying to get at these coyotes, but, no luck.

Moving on we came across a coyote standing over a dead cow. I stopped the truck jumped out with Mini 14, have coyote in cross hairs. . . boom. . . But the coyote just disappeared into the brush. Now I'm upset, I should have grabbed the .17!! -- Oh well, next time.

Meanwhile, I had to listen to my daughter Alex the rest of the morning and early afternoon nag me about the miss and how we would have a coyote in the truck if I hadn't missed. Kara was no help here either, it was two against one! My only defense was to ask Alex how many times I'd heard her gun go off and not have an animal on the ground.

Late in the afternoon, Alex was sitting on left side of berm, I was on right side and Kara was 100 yards to my right sitting on a dirt mound. I had been calling this thick brushy desert about 10 minutes when I heard Alex's gun go boom. I start barking & calling again, then I hear her gun go boom

again. This time she starts calling, I'm thinking well she missed and is trying to call the coyote back. So I keep calling 3 or 4 more minutes & then I end the stand. I heard Alex start yelling "I got one, I got one!" Kara came over as I was picking up my gear, she said "do you think she got one?" As we can still hear her yelling from the other side, I just laughed & said "I hope so." As we go around the berm, Alex is still yelling "I got him, I got him dad". She couldn't stop talking about how she knocked him down and when he got up she shot him again. We put our gear in the truck and started walking toward the downed coyote. We walked further and further and I'm thinking "OK this has happened too many times, no coyote".

We're about 200 yards from where Alex made her shot and I'm really beginning to think she had missed again. All at once Alex starts yelling "there he is, I told you dad, I shot him."

So Kara and I congratulated her, she was soo happy she killed the first coyote of the day & she was making sure I knew about it and would never forget how I doubted her. Needless to say there wasn't much room in the truck for Kara and me with Alex after that.

It was getting late, the sun was going down and I thought we could make one more stand before dark. We were on the outskirts of Eloy when we stopped the truck and walked across the road. This time Kara was 50 yards on my left and Alex was 50 yards to my right. I was sitting in some bushes but could see both of them when I started calling real low. About 2 minutes into the stand. . . BOOM! Alex's gun went off. I'm thinking this is too good to be true, I looked over at Alex and she gives me the thumbs up, "got him dad, no big deal." I keep calling for a few more minutes and then end the stand. This time Alex is not touching the ground. . . she is floating in the air, she just shot her second coyote of the day, this time @ 150 yards. She is making sure I know she has two coyotes in the truck and I don't have any. This time we had to keep the windows down, there just wasn't enough room in the truck for the three of us.

Well we made it to check-in. It was good to see all the APC members there, and Alex made sure everybody knew she had killed two coyotes and dad had none.

I am one proud dad!!!
 Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!!!

Stan

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from December 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

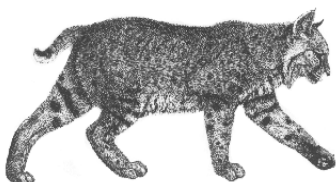
Beginning Balance \$5,264.36
 Check #1384 Pitney Bowes..... (105.00)
 Check #1385 Mike Clerc - Newsletter..... (74.11)
 Check #1386 Nicole Breseman Novice Hunt (84.32)
 Check #1387 Cindy Self - Fur Donation . (100.00)
 Check #1388 AWF 7 memberships..... (32.50)
 Deposit (memberships & cash)..... 390.00
 Ending Balance 12/31/04 \$5,258.43

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance . 117.83
 Call sales.....42.00
 Dues95.00
 Rifle Raffle
 Admission & Raffles144.90
 Merchandise6.00
 Deposit to Checking(295.00)
 Petty Cash Ending Balance.....110.73
 Total Cash 12/31/04 \$5,369.16

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum 1...@\$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard 14...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee..... 10...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds 16...@\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog 5...@\$18.00
 Tally-Ho 52...@\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds 26...@\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts 200...@\$0.25
 T-Shirts 23...@\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts LS 12...@\$8.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS..... 17...@\$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\$2,613.00
 Total Assets\$7,982.16
 Total Liabilities(\$0.00)
 Net Worth\$7,982.16



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new member Jim Hogue.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expires
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 Segal	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-Mar-05
Ned Burris	01-Mar-05
Larry Eichman	01-Mar-05
Guido R. Roberti	01-Mar-05
Thomas Slaughter	01-Mar-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 January general meeting, Reed Peterson. Reed is an old hand at predator calling, one of the best around. He will be discussing predator calling in the state of Arizona.

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

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.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike

CALLING IN THE COPS

by Mike Mosier - Member

It was Sunday morning, still too dark to see; I was driving with no lights on, using moonlight. I found a place to park, and observed the area, perfect. I boogered up, grabbed the rifle, shotgun, and the video camera, and headed off down the road. I found a great spot, so I set up my camera downwind, about where I would've wanted a shooter sitting. After positioning the camera just right, and covering it with camouflage netting, I pressed record, and snuck down to where I wanted to call. I waited about 5 minutes, until it was light enough to shoot, and then started quietly with the squeaker ball. It was probably 20 minutes in, when I spotted a lone coyote at 350-400 yards out, heading downwind. Too far to reach, I repositioned the rifle, still calling; I waited, and waited, and waited, and waited. After 30 minutes, movement, this time much closer, and much louder as the people on the 4-wheeler laughed and yelled. So much for that. I packed up, and headed back to the car, curious to see what was caught on film.

Next stand was much more interesting. After pulling off the side of the Bee-line, and calling for 20 min; I was heading back to the car when a Sheriff Deputy drove by. I think it may have been the camouflage, or the shotgun across my back that caught his attention; or maybe the rifle in my hand. Well, whatever it was, he flipped a u-turn and pulled up in front of my car. He continued to waste 30 minutes of my day, with stupid questions, before finally leaving.

Next few stands were a waste, calling in quail hunters, and a Game and Fish officer. He was fairly upset with me, say-

ing mean things; continually emphasizing that since I was the member of a predator calling club, that I should have a stringer full of coyotes by now. After shaking him off, I headed out in search of the road less traveled.

Stand number 5; great place, long shots, with great visibility. I could see nothing was coming from a long ways away. I pulled off of the road, and finished up the short phone conversation with my dad. It was then, that my hunter-instinct kicked in, as I failed to notice the DPS car pull up behind me, the officer walk up to the passenger window, and scare the hell out of me, asking, "Are you ok?" After I put my heart back in my chest, I stepped out, and we ended up talking for 45 minutes, about everything from the Coast Guard to hunting. Poor kid, had way too much time on his hands. So I headed out, to try and scare away the rest of the animals in Unit 23, that hadn't overheard our conversation.

Last stand, beautiful water hole, with lots off track. I called for almost 90 minutes, and then stumbled, in the pitch black, back to my car, to head home, what a day.

Next morning, I found a spectacular water hole, with tons of traffic. I started calling, and after 15 minutes, was interrupted by the lead golf cart maintenance technician. I was asked to leave the 14th hole, after learning that you can't even hunt with a camera, on the golf course. "Learn something new everyday. Bummer."

-Mike Mosier (Prodigy Child of the Hunt Chairman, Dusty)

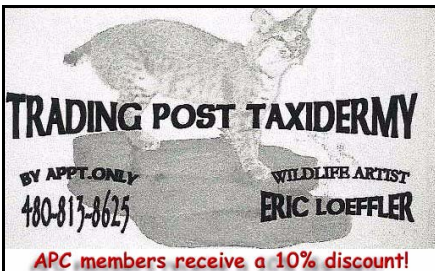
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Mike

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 870 Wingmaster - 12ga, vent rib, imp/cyl, wood and blue, excellent condition. Will trade for T/C Contender stuff or cash. Contact Dan @ (480) 883-7148..



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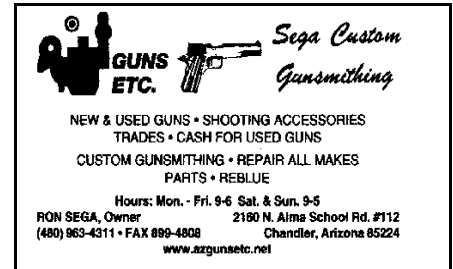
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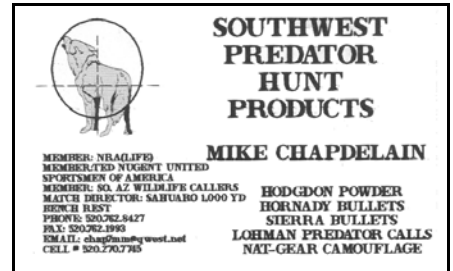
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Upcoming Mesa Hunter Education Class Announcement

November 5, 2004

Arizona Predator Callers (APC),

Press release for January 2005 Hunter Education Class in Mesa, AZ

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting January 11, 2005 and continuing through February 10. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, January 29 at the Rio Salado Sportsman Club on Utery Pass Road. In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session (January 11) from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the Combo Class is required and can be done by calling (480) 834-1791 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of students in your group for the Combo class. Total cost for either class is \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or Hunt ID number to registration. Maximum basic class size is 250 persons and 25 persons for the Combo class. These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This class is required for all persons 10 - 14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point. For further information contact Mike at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>

Sincerely,

Mike Zaccardi
Chief Instructor
Mesa Hunter Education Instructor Association



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

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