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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mike Burris, APC President

Well February is gone and March is here and that means *Antelope Eaters* and not long after that warmer weather. With our club shoot-out being earlier this year on March 29th maybe we will have more of our club members out at the range because it won't be so flaming hot yet. I always look forward to the shoot-out because we see club members that we don't see all year long other than at the shoot-out. The past couple of years we have added a couple of different matches to our event to make it more interesting and competitive. Last year we added a pistol team shoot at the end of the day, we had a lot of fun with that and I am looking forward to that part again.

Since I have been involved with *Arizona Predator Callers* I have been looking for a caliber of firearm that is best suited for what we do and I am constantly asked by sportsmen that are not predator hunters if they were to buy a rifle what would be best. I tell them that there is no easy answer and personally I prefer a .222 for its accuracy and the fact it is good for fur. I load my own ammo and can tailor my load for what I am hunting and what results I am trying to achieve. On most occasions after talking to them I advise them on a .223 and a shotgun would probably serve them best. I suggest the .223 because of the wide variety of factory ammo at reasonable prices. You can go into any gun store in the country and find ammo and you can usually find a used gun at a good price to get started. A good shotgun with a load that is suited for predators always gives me a feeling of confidence no matter what the stand looks like. There are a lot of other choices that are equally as good. I always tell them there is no one caliber that will do it all in all situations but with a

little thought and examination of your particulars you can pick a caliber that does the job for you. It might be a rifle you already have and just need to load a little differently to work on predators.

Maybe club members would like to add to this and write about their favorite rifle choice and the benefits of their choice. It would be interesting to hear what everyone else likes. I also like a .22-250 if I go up north and have to fight the wind or I am going to shoot very far.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the turkey seminar, the subject for this months general meeting. We'll be starting the meeting off with a demonstration of electronic calling units and then move on to our guest speaker Ron Lopinski and his turkey hunting adventures. Bring a friend and enjoy the great refreshments.

As always I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting and remember to bring a friend. There will be refreshments and a lot of good company.



COMING EVENTS

- Antelope Eaters XIV 8 & 9 Mar '03
- March General Meeting 13 Mar '03
- Turkey Calling*
- Adopt-A-Ranch 15 Mar '03
- Northern AZ Coyote Hunt 22 & 23 Mar '03
- APC Club Shootout 29 Mar '03
- March Board Meeting 31 Mar '03
- April General Meeting 10 Apr '03
- Long Range Shooting*
- April Board Meeting 28 Apr '03
- May General Meeting 8 May '03
- GPS & Map Reading*

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 p.m. till ????. Board meetings are held at the Arizona Wildlife Federation office at 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE V.P.

by Dan Solow, Vice President

Howdy All Members,

Hope everyone is fine and doing well. Someone had asked me a question about flying with a firearm, after the 9/11 events. The new security agency of the federal government is called the "Transportation and Security Administration", or TSA for short. They, the TSA, man the security check points at all the major airports, in the United States.

Here are a few reminders about flying with a firearm. When you arrive at he airport, you must do the following: no firearm may be carried on to an aircraft, but can be checked in, just like your luggage. First and most important is to declare to the airline representative that you are checking a firearm. If there is a security check point prior or before the ticket counter, you must declare the existence of that firearm to the check point security personnel. At the ticket counter you will present the firearm unloaded, and sign a "firearms unloaded" declaration. This is a red tag, which will be placed inside firearm case. The firearm case must be able to be locked, and crush proof. Then you will take your firearm to the TSA check point, where it may be opened and inspected, and will be put into an x-ray machine. After your firearm pass' thru the x-ray machine, you can lock case and continue to the gate for your flight.

Your ammo can be checked in your luggage, provided it is contained in the manufacturers original container, or an equivalent that is sturdy and durable. It is a good idea to contact the airline for additional information, because some airlines have different policies. Some airlines go by amount, others by weight. (Editors Note: Each airline has different regulations when it comes to ammunition, some say it can be packed with the firearm, others strictly forbid it. Check with the airline BEFORE you travel.)

Also, it is a good idea to record the serial number of each firearm you are transporting, just in case it does not arrive at your destination. Most ticket agents are very knowledgeable of firearm procedures, have patience with the ones that are not.

Remember to support the merchants who support our club, have fun, and be safe.

Dan

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Debbie Burris, Membership Chair

I would like to welcome Dan Morris and Robert Spurny of Mesa and Gary Thompson of Seligman as our newest club members! Jim Fuller and Michael Zaccardi have renewed their memberships and we thank them for their continued support.

These Members Have Expired:

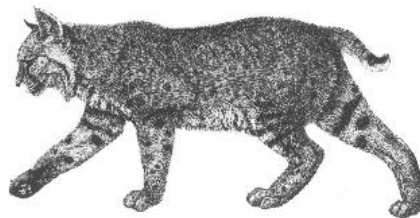
- Mike Chapdelain 3/1/03
- John Cline 3/1/03
- Carl Dustin 3/1/03
- Carl Hildebrand 3/1/03
- Guido Roberti 3/1/03
- Anthony Roginsky 3/1/03
- Phil Smith 3/1/03
- Eric Vidana 3/1/03

These Members Will Expire Soon:

- Michael Barker 4/1/03
- Royce Bradsher 4/1/03
- Richard Cuppy 4/1/03
- Hank Gonzales 4/1/03
- David Kuhns 4/1/03
- Al Lind 4/1/03
- Dennis Slade 4/1/03
- Herb Stipe 4/1/03
- Joe Talavera 4/1/03
- Brian Williams 4/1/03

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 @ membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Debbie



TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from February 1, 2003 through February 28, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

- Beginning Balance \$4,257.08
- Check #1252 Pitney Bowes (postage) (68.25)
- Check #1253 Fur Donation Hunt (110.00)
- Check #1254AZ Childrens Charity (850.00)
- Check #1255 Common Ground (67.00)
- Deposit 2/25 (Dues, Misc) 785.00
- Ending Balance 12/31/97 \$3,946.83

PETTY CASH

- Petty Cash Beginning Balance \$86.04
- Call Sales & Raffles 65.00
- Deposit to Checking (65.00)
- Petty Cash Ending Balance \$86.04
- Total Cash 12/31/97 \$4,032.87

INVENTORY

- Crit'r Call Magnum 3 . . . @ . . . \$10.00
- Crit'r Call Song Dog 8 . . . @ . . . \$18.00
- Crit'r Call Standard 2 . . . @ . . . \$9.00
- Crit'r Call PeeWee 6 . . . @ . . . \$9.00
- Crit'r Call Reeds 20 . . . @ . . . \$1.50
- Tally-Ho 26 . . . @ . . . \$8.00
- Tally-Ho Reeds 115 . . . @ . . . \$1.50
- Tally-Ho Inserts 261 . . . @ . . . \$0.25
- Lanyards 0 . . . @ . . . \$3.00
- T-Shirts 41 . . . @ . . . \$12.00
- Caps 13 . . . @ . . . \$15.00
- WCCC Caps 49 . . . @ . . . \$20.00
- Decals 1,967 . . . @ . . . \$1.00
- Total Inventory \$4,355.75
- Total Assets \$8,388.62
- Total Liabilities (\$0.00)
- Net Worth \$8,388.62

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

- 3/8/01 Robert Coker Black Bear
- 11/14/02 Alex Schepers Callin' Bears
- 1/9/03 Jose Valencia Calling All Coyotes
- 1/9/03 Jose Valencia Callers of the Wild
- 9/12/02 Alex Schepers Giants of the Forest
- 12/9/02 Fred Johnson Hounds, Bows and Boars
- 1/9/03 Jose Valencia Power Howling Coyotes
- 1/9/03 Jose Valencia Tree Lounge Trophies
- 1/9/03 Jose Valencia Truth #1 Predator Hunter



WCC HIGHWAY CLEANUP

submitted by Cindy Seff, Member

We have been in contact with Arizona Department of Transportation, and the date of Saturday, April 19th, has been confirmed for the roadside cleanup. We will work along I-17 in the New River area and, if we get enough volunteers, in the Black Canyon City and Happy Valley Road (north Phoenix) areas as well. Please be prepared to tell us at the next WCC meeting (Tuesday, March 25) how many volunteers your club will furnish. If you aren't going to be able to make that meeting, please phone (602-273-1411 work, 602-494-0123 home) or e-mail(Warren-Leek@mail.maricopa.gov) me with the number. It's really important that we have a reasonably good idea of how many people are going to show up for the cleanup so we can plan accordingly.

This is a great opportunity to let the public know that sportsmen and sports-women really care about the state and its natural resources, and any assistance you can provide in getting the word out to the media would be appreciated, too.

3 CLUB HUNT RESULTS

by Mike Clerc, Editor

I apologize for the lateness in reporting the results of the annual 3 Club Hunt, it just slipped past me last month.

It was another close competition, but once again, at the last minute, the *Phoenix Varmint Callers* squeaked by with a last minute animal.

Scoring was handled like this:

Bobcat..... 50 Points
Coyote..... 10 points
Fox 5 points

Phoenix Varmint Callers . . . 135 points

Bobcat..... 1
Coyote..... 7
Fox 3
20+ Teams

Arizona Predator Callers . . . 110 points

Bobcat..... 0
Coyote..... 10
Fox 2
12 Teams

So AZ Wildlife Callers 30 points

Bobcat..... 0
Coyote..... 3
Fox 0
1 Team

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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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

This month's guest speaker is Ron Lipinski from *Chandler Rod & Gun Club*. Ron is an accomplished turkey caller. His style and technique are especially unique. Ron can imitate a few calls & sounds by using his hands & mouth, without the use of a slate, box, or reed & tube. Ron has been calling turkeys in Arizona for years and is willing to share his experience with us on turkey behavior to help you locate and call these birds in. Be sure to bring a note pad and your hunting partner to this month's meeting.

Saturday March 15th we will be meeting at Griffin Ranch just north of Globe, AZ for our annual Adopt - A - Ranch clean up with the *AZ Game & Fish Department*. We will meet near the main ranch house at 9:00 AM and clean the main ranch road until 1:00 PM when we will stop for a cook out BBQ lunch. AZ Project Challenge will be helping us out with about 40 students. These young people come from urban backgrounds and environments and have dedicated themselves to living a military life for one year while they complete high school. Many of them have no idea what the Arizona outdoors has to offer. This is a unique opportunity for us to visit with these men and women and show them the rewards of being a responsible sportsmen and the role we play in conservation.

We need twenty members to attend the ranch clean up and help out with this event.

The results of 2003 *Antelope Eaters Hunt* are in:

125 teams, checked in a total of 43 coyotes, 33 on Saturday, and 10 on Sunday. Eight teams from APC participated. High winds, rough roads from all the rain and snow, and several contests earlier in the year made this contest one of the toughest so far.

See you at the meeting and see you Saturday at the Ranch Clean Up.

Breeze