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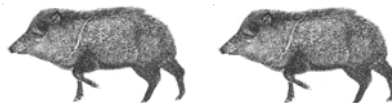
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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Solow, APC President

Howdy all APC members,  
First off, I would like to thank our February guest speaker, Brian Wakeling from *Arizona Game and Fish*. Brian informed us about hunting javelina, where to locate them, and also the care in the field after taking one. **Thanks Brian!**

Our guest speaker for March will be Colin Scott, from *Wide World of Maps*. His subject will be using a GPS, and from what I hear, he is really good.

Starting with our March meeting, each session will begin with tips on calling those hard to get varmints, starts right at 7:00pm. We feel this will help our new members in pursuit of old wily coyote.

Also, if you have any hunt records for this season, please see Dusty or Stan at the meeting.

On March 13 & 14, antelope eaters hunt will take place. They say it is a very good hunt with good prizes.

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

### FROM THE VP

by Mike Burris, APC Vice-President

We are planning a joint effort hunt with the *AG&F* and the *Arizona Mule Deer Association*. The purpose of the hunt is to attempt to reduce the numbers of coyotes in some of the prime areas in the north central part of the state

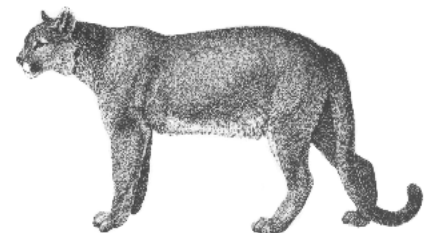
The hunt will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, and we will be targeting the following areas:

- Northern portion of unit 4A
- Northern portion of unit 4B
- Most portions of 3A
- Unit 3C North
- Unit 3B
- Southern half of 2C
- Northern portion of unit 1
- Southern half of 2B

A tentative site has been chosen for the campsite in unit 4B and that will be announced as the time gets closer.

Please plan on attending this joint project, as all hunters will benefit from this effort and it will be a great opportunity for us to work with the *AG&F* and the *AMDA* to maybe make the fawning for this year a little safer for our already struggling deer and antelope herds.

Mike



**COMING EVENTS**

March General Meeting . . . . . 11 Mar '04  
*GPS Use - Colin Scott*  
 Antelope Eaters Hunt. . . 13 & 14 Mar '04  
 APC Board Meeting . . . . . 29 Mar '04  
 April General Meeting . . . . . 8 Apr '04  
*TURKEY!! - AG&F - Brian Wakeling*  
 APC Board Meeting . . . . . 26 Apr '04  
 Joint Predator Hunt . . . . . 1 & 2 May '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, March 11<sup>th</sup> will feature Colin Scott from the *Wide World of Maps*, who will give a presentation on use of a GPS. If you've ever wondered if this is a tool that you could use in your outdoor adventures, then 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 February 1, 2004 through February 29, 2004.

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance..... \$6,081.65  
 Check #1291 Mike Clerc - Printer Cartridge(20.00)  
 Check #1292 Dan Solow - Meeting Food(15.93)  
 Check #1293 Mike Clerc - Newsletter.. (74.12)  
 Check #1294 AWF - 8 Memberships (52.00)  
 Deposit (memberships).....360.00  
 Ending Balance 02/29/04 ..... \$6,269.60

**PETTY CASH**

Petty Cash Beginning Balance ..... 205.08  
 Raffles ..... 86.00  
 Dues ..... 105.00  
 Call Sales..... 27.00  
 Deposit to Checking.....(200.00)  
 Petty Cash Ending Balance..... 223.08  
 Total Cash 02/29/04..... \$6,492.68

**INVENTORY**

Crit'r Call Magnum .....3 ...@..... \$10.00

Crit'r Call Standard .....23 ...@..... \$9.00  
 Crit'r Call PeeWee.....17 ...@..... \$9.00  
 Crit'r Call Reeds .....16 ...@..... \$1.50  
 Crit'r Call Song Dog .....5 ...@..... \$18.00  
 Tally-Ho.....56 ...@..... \$8.00  
 Tally-Ho Reeds .....122 ...@..... \$1.50  
 Tally-Ho Inserts .....248 ...@..... \$0.25  
 T-Shirts .....24 ...@..... \$12.00  
 APC Caps .....0 ...@..... \$15.00  
 WCCC Caps .....49 ...@..... \$20.00  
 Decals .....900 ...@..... \$1.00  
**Total Inventory..... \$3,365.00**  
**Total Assets..... \$9,857.68**  
**Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)**  
**Net Worth..... \$9,857.68**

**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...Ed Volk..... Calling All Coyotes

*Jerry*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new member William Kienitz.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expires
Erik Barnes	01-Mar-04
Michael R.	01-Mar-04
Mike Chapdelain	01-Mar-04
John S. Cline	01-Mar-04
Carl D. Dustin	01-Mar-04
Andrew Jones	01-Mar-04
Ron Lopinski	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
Matt 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

The following members will expire soon:

Name	Expires
Mike Kannapel	01-May-04
Dusty Moisier	01-May-04
Stan Schepers	01-May-04
Jeff Serdy	01-May-04
Jerry Thorson	01-May-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](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com) anytime.

*Mike*

**THE HUNT REPORT**

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are at the end of the season. . . too soon. I didn't get out as much as I would have liked to, this working for a living stuff sure takes up a lot of my free time. Last month I had two weekends in a row javelina hunting, so to keep the peace at home I couldn't do much else. The first outing was with my daughter on her juniors only hunt. We found lots of places where pigs had been, but not where they were. The weather was beautiful and we had a great time riding the quad and walking around. Spending time outdoors with your kids is what it is all about. The next weekend my brother-in-law Dave, and nephew Sean, flew in from Iowa for a HAM hunt. This was their third year trying to take home a javelina and the anticipation was high. Stan Schepers came along to help, so the four of us hit the road. Opening day was cold and windy, as usual we found where they had been, but not a pig in sight. Saturday was much better, around 9 o'clock we spotted a heard feeding. With the wind in our face we started the stalk, I held up with Sean and sent Dave down into the wash. Within a few minutes he was in the middle of them. Bang, Bang, his 44 magnum roared, pigs were running everywhere. I started calling, hoping to pull some our way, the only one that came over was half the size of a loaf of bread, we let it go. Well, Dave finely got his pig and was pretty excited, Sean was a little disappointed, but there is always

next year. What a fantastic trip, beautiful weather, great company, plenty of good food and cold beer. We dropped off Dave's pig with Eric to have it mounted here, since we didn't think a taxidermist in Iowa would know what a javelina was, let alone what it should look like.

March 31<sup>st</sup> ends bobcat and fox season, I would like to remind everyone to turn in your hunt records at the April general meeting. We need to total up the number of predators harvested by our club members and see who the winner of the 2003 *Caller of the Year* award is. Stan and I will also total up the numbers and send a summery report to Mark Zhorne at the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* so they can use the information for departmental research. Please get those records to us so we don't have to come around asking for them.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

## Dusty

## ATA FUR AUCTION INFORMATION?

by Cindy Seff, Member

This years fur auction held on February 7<sup>th</sup> of this year, was pretty successful. Below are the prices and quantities of furs that were auctioned:

Species	# Cons	# Sold	Total \$	Avg \$
Bobcat	493	466	84,259	180.81
Coyote	996	784	18,429	23.51
Grey Fox	1,163	1,139	21,479	18.86
Kit Fox	35	35	279	7.98
Red Fox	21	19	403	21.20
Beaver	1	1	25	25.00
Muskrat	-	-	-	-
Badger	7	6	47	7.85
Raccoon	33	24	249	10.39
Mink	-	-	-	-
Marten	-	-	-	-
Ringtail	46	35	161	4.59
Spotted Skunk	6	-	-	-
Stripped Skunk	2	2	10	5.08
Mt. Lion	-	-	-	-
Weasel	-	-	-	-
	2,803	2,511	125,341	



## MY FIRST JAVELINA

by Cameron Clerc, APC Member

My name is Cameron Clerc and I'd like to tell you about my first big game hunt. I turned 10 last December and before I could go on the hunt, I had to attend and graduate from the hunter safety class. My dad went with me every week and we had a good time and both of us learned a lot. My dad had to be out of town on business when I took the final test, I was very nervous, but I passed the test and my dad was very happy for me. I really enjoyed the hunter safety class and I wish that everyone would take it so that the outdoors would be a safer place to hunt.

My dad put me in for a javelina hunt in the area south of Tucson. We left on Thursday after dad got off work, and went to bed early hoping for a good day on the first day of the hunt. Early in the morning we got up and it was cold! We ate some yogurt and donuts and drove to a spot where dad used his binoculars to try to find the javelina. After a long time, he finally spotted some javelina on top of a hill that was a long way from where we were. He let me look through his binoculars, but they were too small and I couldn't see them. So we took off hiking towards where the javelina were. It was a hard hike and it took a long time because dad had to stop all the time to catch his breath. When we got to where dad said the javelina were, we couldn't find them again. We watched some deer eat and used dad's call to try and get the javelina to stop hiding. Finally dad gave up and we hiked back to the truck.

The next day we didn't see anything but lots of deer. I was starting to get upset, thinking we weren't going to get my javelina. Then my dad said that if we didn't see anything the rest of the day, we would go to where his friend had told him he got his javelina. I started to get excited again.

On Saturday night, we drove into town so I could call mom and tell her what we had been doing, and we went to McDonalds for a great dinner. When we

were going back to the hunt area I fell asleep and didn't wake up until dad shook me. When we got out of the truck, we heard lots of coyotes howling. They sounded real close and I was a little scared.

The next morning, we ate apples and yogurt for breakfast and then started hunting. We saw a herd of javelina going up the side of a big hill, so we started chasing them. They ran into a large clump of cactus and we had a hard time seeing them, so we waited to see what they would do. After a long time, they finally came out but they went the wrong way for us. We went back to the truck to drive to the other side of the hill. When we got to the other side, as soon as we got out of the truck my dad spotted them again, this time they were a lot closer. He gave me my rifle and we took off after them. When we got pretty close, my dad told me to sit down and get ready to shoot. When I found the javelina in the scope, I didn't want to shoot because I could only see the javelina's head, but my dad told me to shoot anyway. So I did and I hit him. Then another javelina ran up to my javelina and started fighting with my javelina, but my javelina was dead, but they he fought anyway. My dad had to finally make some noise to get the other pig to leave. My dad went across the ditch to get my pig and bring him back to me, then he hugged me and told me how proud he was of me for shooting so well. I was really excited and started shaking.

We put my tag on the pig and then my dad carried him back to the truck where we took some pictures. Then we put the pig in the truck and went to a spot with big trees so that we could skin him.

When we got back to a town, I called my mom on my dad's cell phone so I could tell her I got my pig.

I had lots of fun and now I want to go hunting coyotes and deer with my dad.



## ARIZONA HAM

from Don Jamroz, Guest

On the night of February 12<sup>th</sup>, I attended the AZ Predator Callers in Mesa to visit some of my friends. As usual, the meeting was well attended and the spirits were high.

That night a game biologist, from the AZ Game and Fish, Brian Wakeling, gave a presentation on javelina in Arizona. This of course was very timely since the H.A.M. (Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader) season was starting the next day.

I picked up a few tips and talked to Mike Clerc and Dan Solow after the meeting. After that I headed for 36B with high hopes of taking a javelina with my smokepole. I got there about 1:00am and it was cold. I no sooner got into my sleeping bag warm when there was the obligatory knock on my window from the border patrol. They were pretty cool about disturbing me.

The first day of the hunt was my first day of scouting too. I saw little javelina sign but was encouraged by the coyote sign. Just as the sun was setting, I saw three coyotes walking on a ridgeline about 1000 yards away. Well, the hunt was starting just fine, but it was getting cold.

I sleep in my Suburban so I got everything ready for the night and the clothes etc for the next morning. With a reading light, I can catch up on some of my magazine reading. It was getting cold, so I ran the heater for a while and then decided to pound the pillow. I have a medium weight sleeping bag and soon found that that was not going to be sufficient. I doubled an army blanket and put it over my bag and I was fine, for a while. Some time during the middle of the night I was cold again and put on another blanket. When I woke in the morning, it was 28 degrees in the truck.

Around 4:00pm on the second day of the hunt, I spotted several pigs (okay, I know that they aren't pigs) about 1/2 mile away traveling pretty fast as if they had been spooked. They did settled down and were just sort of grazing, but on a line. I determined my ambush strategy and as soon as they crossed over the hill, I beat feet on a line that I thought would intersect them. When I finally got to my position, there were only two remaining.

Hey, I only needed one!

Working the bushes, trees and landscape to my advantage, I closed to about 80 yards. I got set over my shooting sticks and tried a soft call with my Burnham Brothers javelina call. It sounded like a duck with a harelip. So I turned around and called away from them and instantly, now 3 javelina, responded. I called and they closed the gap between us. Now I needed two hands on my gun so I had to spit out my call and went to a lip squeak. When I looked through my 'no-power' scope, the pig looked smaller than with my naked eye. I pulled the trigger at 28 paces and when the smoke cleared the pig was just standing there. Then it wobbled a little and I knew it was a good hit. Then the other 2 pigs came over the wounded one. They started to wander away with mine walking away drunkenly. The shot had gone in the left shoulder and exited the right ribcage. After some chasing it still looked pretty bright-eyed, so I had to take another shot.

The animals are always too far away from the truck or a suitable road. I struggled to the road and it of course was all up hill. I really had a struggle to undress this gal. I have a broken finger on my left hand and I am right handed. I simply couldn't do much pulling with my left hand. After having pulled the trigger at 4:20pm, I finally finished with the skinning etc chores at 7:15pm. It was a female and weighed 47 1/2 pounds. The performance of the bullet was poor. I was using a sabot, .44 caliber, HP/XTP, 240 grain, Hornady pistol bullet over 100 grains of pyrodex pellets. Both of the bullets passed through the animal with small exit wounds.

The entrails and other scraps were taken off the 2-track a ways because I intended to do an ambush on some coyotes in the morning. The suburban was parked about 300 yards away for the night, over a hill and out of sight. At 0-dark-thirty, I got up and returned to the spot with the entrails & scraps and thought I could find a coyote or three. No such luck. Everything was gone, either eaten or dragged off. That night I could just imagine some coyotes having a food fight.

It was good hunt and I was happy to harvest an Arizona HAM.

Shoot Straight,

Don Jamroz

## 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:** Lohman cassette player \$80.00, remote for Dennis Kirk caller (screw in back) fro NL5000 & NL6000 units. - \$50.00 contact Stan at (602) 499-0505

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**Left to Right:** Joe Carter, Cindy Seff, Michael Golightly, Cookie Vidana, Joe Melton, Commissioner Chilton, Hayes Gilstrap, Debbie Burris and Mike Burris.

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