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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mike Burris, APC Vice President

Okay, so we all figured out that the *Save a Fawn* hunt was canceled again. Although I don't think anyone got too mad because we all know we need the water. A few club members went up to the area and said the roads were impassable so it was the right decision.

We are working to put together a hunt before the end of March and the end of bobcat season. We will try to get the information out to everyone in plenty of time if we can get one together.

I would like to encourage everyone to call their Senators and voice their support of the fee increase. This is the only way that *Game & Fish* can get necessary monies to carry on existing programs and pay the wildlife managers an appropriate salary. The east valley Senators need to seriously hear from the sportsmen in their district.

I'm glad to announce that our annual club shoot-out is on for this year at Rio Salado on Saturday, March 19th from 12:00pm until dark. We always have a good time and plenty of food. You'll also have a chance to see just how good everyone shoots. Hope to see you all there. More information will follow inside this newsletter.

At the expo this year we handed out lots of club literature. Thanks to Mike Kannapel for printing up brochures and the hand full of club members that came down to talk to interested people about predator calling and other hunting opportuni-

ties in Arizona.

I hope everyone that went javalina hunting had a successful hunt and will be sending pictures and stories to the newsletter editor. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Mike

PROGRAM REPORT

by Mike Kannapel, Program Director

Ralph Anderson the Arizona Representative for the *National Wild Turkey Federation* will be our guest speaker at the March 10, 2005 general meeting. The subject will be turkey and turkey hunting. So if you were one of the lucky few who were fortunate enough to get drawn for the 2005 spring turkey hunt, this is the presentation for you. Bring your calls and Ralph will show you how to use them.

Don't forget our annual shoot at Rio Salado in the afternoon of Saturday, March 19, 2005. As in years past, this event will be held on the rifle silhouette range by the club house. The shooting will begin about 2:00pm, so please show up around 12:30-1:00pm to get registered. This year we will again feature the fox targets for the centerfire rifle competition. Also bring your kids and their .22 rim fire rifles for the kids competition. Time is going to be a little limited this year, so please be on time.

Our April meeting will delve into reloading for the predator hunter.

Mike

COMING EVENTS

Antelope Eaters. 5-6 Mar '05
 March General Meeting. 10 Mar '05
Turkey
 Annual APC Shoot 19 Mar '05
 March Board Meeting 28 Mar '05
 April General Meeting 14 Apr '05
Reloading for Predators
 April Board Meeting. 25 Apr '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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I want to welcome new members Jack Johnson, Bob Bogard, Scott Swanson, Owen Garner, Mark Roland and Ed Roy. I would also like to thank Paul Hobel, Guido Roberti and Jack Simon for renewing their memberships.

The following memberships have expired:

Name	Expires
Michael Burris	01-Mar-05
Ned Burris	01-Mar-05
Larry Eichman	01-Mar-05
Thomas Slaughter	01-Mar-05

The following members will expire soon:

Name	Expires
Jim Fuller	01-Apr-05
Hank Gonzales	01-Apr-05
Russ Runyan	01-Apr-05
Jeff Serdy	01-Apr-05
Dennis Slade	01-Apr-05
Brian Williams	01-Apr-05
Phil Hiddessen	01-May-05
Harvey Hunter	01-May-05
Mike Kannapel	01-May-05
Dusty Moisier	01-May-05
Andres Perez	01-May-05
Dale Ruettinger	01-May-05
Stan Schepers	01-May-05
Jerry Thorson	01-May-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

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from February 1, 2005 through February 28, 2005.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance.....\$6,821.90
 Check #1395 WCC - Dues (100.00)
 Check #1396 Gilstrap & Assoc - Lobby Fee (500.00)
 Check #1397 Marty's Trophies - Awards... (99.82)
 Check #1398 Ned Burris - Water, Ice & Soda (45.03)
 Check #1399 AWF - 9 memberships..... (58.50)
 Deposit (memberships & cash)..... 680.00
 Deposit (Thorson & Simon)..... 80.00
Ending Balance 2/28/05..... **\$6,778.55**

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance ... 93.23
Call sales.....34.00
Merchandise28.00
Dues135.00
Rifle & Caller Raffle.....230.00
Admission & Raffles153.50
Deposit to Checking (540.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....133.73
Total Cash 2/28/05..... **\$6,912.28**

INVENTORY

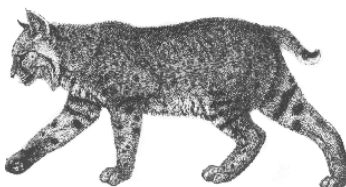
Crit'r Call Standard..... 13.. @\$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee..... 2.. @\$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds..... 16.. @\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog 4.. @\$18.00
 Tally-Ho 44.. @\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds..... 26.. @\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts 200.. @\$0.25
 T-Shirts..... 22.. @\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts LS 12.. @\$8.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS..... 16.. @\$6.00
 APC Caps 8.. @\$15.00
 WCCC Caps..... 2.. @\$5.00
 Tail Strippers 0.. @\$6.00
 Tail Zippers..... 4.. @\$6.00
 Decals 898.. @\$1.00
Total Inventory.....**\$2,334.00**
Total Assets**\$9,246.28**
Total Liabilities**(\$0.00)**
Net Worth**\$9,246.28**

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

4/10/03 .Clyde Turkeys - Antley
 4/10/03 .Clyde Turkeys - Fears
 2/10/05 .Craig Combos. Power Howling Coyotes
 5/13/04 .Ken McKenna Whitetails II
 8/12/04 .Scott Koch .. Power Howling Coyotes
 8/12/04 .Scott Koch Black Bear
 2/10/05 .Jack Triplett The Predators

Jerry



SAVE A FAWN HUNT INFO

by Mike Burris, APC Vice-President

The Save A Fawn Coyote Calling Event originally scheduled for January 15 & 16, 2005, and then postponed to February 26th and 27th, has once again been delayed/postponed and otherwise cancelled because of all this glorious weather that we have been blessed with this winter.

At this time nothing is planned for a re-scheduled hunt. As things begin to dry out, we'll let you know.

Mike

OUTDOOR HALL OF FAME CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

from Arizona Game & Fish Department

The Wildlife For Tomorrow Foundation is seeking nominations for Inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame at its annual banquet scheduled for August 19, 2005, in Scottsdale. Wildlife for Tomorrow established the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame in 1998 to recognize individuals, corporations, organizations and others who have made significant and lasting contributions to benefit Arizona's wildlife and the welfare of its natural resources.

Inductees have included individuals with backgrounds in wildlife volunteerism, corporate leadership, politics, wildlife art, and the media. Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to, any combination of the following: Fundraising activities, financial contributions, volunteer involvement and/or coordination, resource management and/or administration, outdoor recreation, environmental education, art, writing, and media coverage, as they relate to significant and lasting contributions to benefit Arizona's wildlife and the welfare of its natural resources.

If you know someone who is deserving of this award, please complete the attached nomination form and submit a 350 word or less biographical sketch that describes the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Submit the name, address and telephone number of the nominee.
2. Provide a 350-word or less biographical sketch that amply describes the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments as they relate to Arizona's wildlife and the welfare of its natural resources.
3. When possible, submit a photograph of the nominee.
4. Provide your name, address, and telephone number as the nominator.

Nominations can be submitted by mail to the following address:

Wildlife For Tomorrow Foundation
 % Arizona Game and Fish Department
 Attn: Dana Yost, DOHQ
 2221 W. Greenway Road
 Phoenix, AZ 85023

Nominations can also be submitted by fax to (602) 789-3299, or by e-mail to:

directoroffice@azgfd.gov. For further information contact Dana Yost at (602) 789-3281.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m., April 29, 2005.

WHO'S BANKROLLING THE ENEMY?

by Bob Krumm - WYOMING OUTDOORS

The March issue of *American Hunter* magazine has a thought-provoking article titled "Who's Bankrolling the Enemy?" It describes the headquarters of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in Washington, D.C., as being "the antihunting capitol of the world."

The Humane Society has tax-exempt status as a nonprofit agency so its books are open to the public. In 2002, the group had revenues just shy of \$61 million. Thanks to a lot of overseas operations, the true magnitude of their earnings can't be estimated.

The author of the article lays out a convincing documentary on how many unwitting people help fund the Humane Society. One of the easiest ways is through misinformation. Many donors confuse the Humane Society of the United States with

genuine animal welfare organizations like the American Humane Association. The end result is that many people donate to the Humane Society of the U.S. thinking they are helping to finance humane shelters for dogs and cats; in reality the Humane Society of the U.S. owns no animal shelters in the United States.

According to American Hunter, "PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has quietly succeeded in achieving a bloodless internal takeover of HSUS. HSUS is anti-hunting, anti-meat eating and is even against owning pets."

One of the ways the Humane Society of the U.S. raises money is to offer endorsements to corporations. Basically, if a company pays enough money, the Humane Society of the U.S. will certify "that its food and/or clothing is environmentally friendly." Amazingly, the Humane Society of the U.S. doesn't bother to inspect the operations, according to the article, but says the USDA does.

A lot of trust funds are funneled to the Humane Society of the U.S. It seems that megabucks are given to HSUS for a variety of reasons, such as stopping hunts for black bears in New Jersey.

Even the Sierra Club has gone antihunting, according to the American Hunter article. Though it was formed to help promote use of our forests and mountains, it is now out to stop hunting. The legal arm of the Sierra Club sued to stop black bear hunting in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. It also was able to stop an elk study in Oregon because the research pointed to reducing cougar populations as a way to increase the elk herd.

Yet, according to the Sierra Club's Web site, "approximately 20 percent of Sierra Club members reported buying hunting and/or fishing licenses in the past year, and Sierra Club policy explicitly recognizes sport-hunting and fishing as a valuable wildlife management tool."

One of the most galling ways that Humane Society of the U.S. and other antihunting groups have raised money is by Hollywood stars' donations and endorsements. People like Pamela Anderson, Pierce Brosnan, James Cromwell, Bill Maher, Bob

Barker, Mary Tyler Moore and Robert Redford help out the antihunting/animal rights cause with their donations and endorsements. Of course, this is a free country so they are free to donate to whomever they choose, but I also choose to not donate to any of their activities, i.e., I don't watch movies and programs they are in/on.

Bill Maher, host of *Politically Incorrect*, was quoted as saying, "To those people who say, 'My father is alive because of animal experimentation,' I say, 'Yeah, well good for you. This dog died so that your father could live.' Sorry, but I am just not behind that sort of trade-off."

I have often thought that animal-rights activists should have to live on a vegetarian commune somewhere where the deer, cottontail rabbits, wood chucks, raccoons, blackbirds, crows, rats, gophers, moles and ground squirrels could devastate their crops. How long would it be before they realized that if they were going to live through the winter, they would have to stop the depredations on their vegetables and other crops?

Maybe they would live by their ideals and starve to death rather than harm an animal, or maybe they would come to their senses and determine that they would have to kill and harass the animals so that the people could live. It is always interesting to contemplate how these misinformed people would react if their lives were threatened either directly or indirectly by the brown-eyed critters.

It is time that the animal rights crowd realizes that people are part and parcel of the living world. The animal world is composed of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Each class of animal has to have the others in order to survive.

Bob Krumm, of Sheridan, is the Wyoming outdoor correspondent for The Billings Gazette. Contact him at rkrumm@fiberpipe.net



MEETING NOTICE

submitted by Cindy Seff - Member

Meeting Notice: March 22, in Phoenix, Arizona Game & Fish Wildlife building at the State Fairgrounds.

This Meeting is being organized by sportsmen and ranchers and will also be attended by members of the Arizona Game & Fish Commission, Department and the Navajo Nation.

Issues to be discussed will be related to conflict(s) between livestock, wildlife, sportsmen, game and fish, private landowners and grazing permittees.

Identifying problems and all possible options to help mitigate these conflicts will be discussed. Ideas that help solve these conflicts is what this meeting is about. This is an opportunity to bring out the issues for a full discussion and no single position or idea will be promoted. We hope to take the best of the possible solutions and focus on them for further discussions.

Statewide representation is critically important. Views from all stakeholders will be considered by the group. Hopefully the best and most viable ideas will be put forward to other interested parties and eventually consensus may be reached.

I want to emphasize one thing, this is not a meeting designed by the organizers to promote "Land Owner Tags". While some organizers and attendees will be for such a program, just as many will be opposed. We are doing this for one reason: To put All of the issues on the table, discuss possible solutions and hopefully find consensus on something that works for wildlife, ranchers, game & fish and sportsmen.

If we don't find some solutions we run the risk of others finding them for us. The others I speak of are politicians and the voting public. I don't believe any of us want to see someone else decide these issues.

Because space is limited an RSVP is necessary. We encourage organizations to send only one representative to speak for the group.

If your a sportsman and want to

attend please contact Pete Cimellaro at pcimellaro@cox.net. Your reservation will be confirmed by email.

If your a rancher and want to attend please contact Benny Aja at surhit@msn.com

Your reservation will be confirmed by email.

Pete Cimellaro

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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Dennis Kirk electronic wildlife caller. this is a tape player, excellent condition, \$75.00. Contact Dan @ (480) 883-7148.

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APC Member Mike Burris' Chevy truck at Cindy and George Seff's home after the Fur Donation Hunt.



David Sparz from the AZG&F Department who was our guest speaker at the February 10th, 2005 general meeting.

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