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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Mike Burris, President

It's May already, where has the season gone? It seems like there is still hunting to do and calling places to go to. But that's okay there's always next hunting season and cooler weather. In the meantime there are meetings, seminars and other events to take in during the summer.

My wife and I would like to thank APC for providing us the opportunity to attend the *Friends Of The NRA* dinner banquet. We had a great time and are looking forward to attending again next year. All proceeds from the banquet goes to an extremely hard working organization that defends our second amendment rights. We were able to get some nice things from the auction, have a great dinner and enjoyed the company we were in.

The date for the *Boquillas Ranch Cleanup* has been changed from 5/17/03 to 5/31/03 due to a conflict of schedules. The group will meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the Pica Gate and will be given directions by the Game & Fish unit manager, Tim Pender.

There is a rule change being proposed by the *Arizona Game & Fish Department* called the Article III rule, which will allow us to remove the plug from our shotguns to hunt predators. The meeting is scheduled for 5/27/03 at 6:00 p.m. at the east valley Game & Fish office on University East of Power Road. I will be attending a council meeting that night, but would appreciate all club members that can attend, please do and state your position on the proposed rule change. This will be the only public input meeting scheduled for Maricopa County. They are also scheduled for Yuma, Tucson and Flagstaff. This rule will apply to all wildlife except migratory birds. This is a favorable position for predator hunting for us to support and we need all public comment to give the department support to proceed with

this rule change at the commission meeting. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Our club has been invited to participate with the *Antelope Foundation* in a cooperative effort to help pick site specific, time specific areas to increase fawn recruitment with predator removal. We will be coordinating with the *Antelope Foundation* and the *Arizona Game & Fish* to try to maximize use of sportsmen as a management tool to help control the predator population in the fawning areas. We will be looking for interested club members to take part in this effort that will work similar to an *Adopt-A-Ranch* program. We will decide on an area and then continuously return to that area over an extended period of time. With constant monitoring from the department game specialist and *Antelope Foundation* we will be able to get an accurate picture of the impact that callers can have on a site specific area based on fawn to doe ratio. Please give me a call if you are interested in becoming a part of this worthwhile project. I will be attending the *Antelope Foundation* board meeting on 5/12/03 where we will be laying the groundwork for this cooperative effort.

Being ex-Air Force myself it brings me great pride to see the way that all of our armed forces served in the war effort. I know that we have many club members that are ex-military, some with sons, daughters and spouses currently serving in the military and it is good to know that they will be returning home soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those soldiers injured while serving their country and to those families that have lost their loved ones during this fight for freedom. We all enjoy many freedoms that we take for granted and when we see the repression of others it makes us appreciate all that we do have in this great country we live in.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our last club meeting for the season. Bring a friend and enjoy the snacks.



COMING EVENTS

May General Meeting 8 May '03
 GPS & Map Reading
 Boquillas Ranch Cleanup 31 May '03
 (see article for more info)

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, APC Vice President

Howdy All Members,

Hope everyone is fine and doing well. I have been out of town most of the week, so my article may be a little short.

On April 10, 2003, the Arizona Republic had an article on hunters and fishermen. This study showed what was put into the local economy, which was done by ASU, yes ASU, the effects of these activities which generated more than \$958 million in direct retail sales, in 2001, to businesses in Arizona. Also, this study did not include non-residents, which they figured was 65,000 sportsmen. This money spent by hunters and fishermen, helped increase state tax revenues, generate jobs, and paid wages. way to go hunters and fishermen.

With most of your hunting and shooting slowing down, for the dog days of summer, now would be the perfect time to support the sponsors who support our club year round. This off season we could purchase a new or used firearm, or purchase our reloading supplies for next season.

Till August, have fun, be safe and remember to support the merchants who support our club.

Dan



TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$3,979.75
Check #1303 M Burris (Shootout Food) (67.66)	
Check #1304 Common Ground	(75.00)
Check #1305 S Breseman (raffle)	(18.46)
Check #1306 NRA Foundation	(80.00)
Check #1308 Postmaster (mailbox)	(38.00)
Check #1309 Critt'r Calls.....	(122.00)
Check #1310 M Clerc (web hosting)..	(104.31)
Check #1311 Pitney Bowes (postage)(158.18)	
Check #1312 AWF Dues (9 members)(58.50)	
Deposit 4/13 (Dues).....	184.00
Ending Balance 4/30/03	\$3,456.65

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance	60.94
Call Sales & Raffles	80.51
Deposits to Checking	(40.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance	101.45
Total Cash 4/30/03	\$3,558.10

INVENTORY

Critt'r Call Magnum	3 ..@	\$10.00
Critt'r Call Song Dog	8 ..@	\$18.00
Critt'r Call Standard	10 ..@	\$9.00
Critt'r Call PeeWee	10 ..@	\$9.00
Critt'r Call Reeds	20 ..@	\$1.50
Tally-Ho	24 ..@	\$8.00
Tally-Ho Reeds	115 ..@	\$1.50
Tally-Ho Inserts	261 ..@	\$0.25
T-Shirts	39 ..@	\$12.00
APC Caps	13 ..@	\$15.00
WCCC Caps	49 ..@	\$20.00
Decals	1,967 ..@	\$1.00
Total Inventory		\$4,423.75
Total Assets		\$7,981.85
Total Liabilities		(\$0.00)
Net Worth		\$7,981.85

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

3/8/01	Robert Coker	Black Bear
1/9/03	Jose Valencia	Calling All Coyotes
1/9/03	Jose Valencia	Callers of the Wild
4/10/03	Russ Runyan	Monster Bucks II
4/10/03	Russ Runyan	Power Howling Coyotes
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
4/10/03	Ned Burris	Turkeys-Antly
4/10/03	Ned Burris	Turkeys-Fears



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

I would like to welcome Matt Nolan and Russ Runyan both of Mesa as our newest club members! Mike Clerc, John Macias, Dusty Mosier and Jerry Thorson have all renewed their memberships and we thank them for their continued support.

These memberships have expired:

Ute Dittmer.....	5/1/03
Ron Hermosillo	5/1/03
Mike Kannapel.....	5/1/03
Wayne Minde	5/1/03
Jim Ruid	5/1/03
Stan Schepers	5/1/03
Jeff Serdy	5/1/03

These memberships will expire during our summer break:

Danie Bootha	7/1/03
Richard Breseman	7/1/03
Bill Rice	7/1/03
Mark Roth	7/1/03
James Vance	7/1/03
Raymond Dean	8/1/03
Ken Howden	8/1/03
Cameron Lightle	8/1/03
Eric Loeffler	8/1/03
Steve Macia	8/1/03
Rick Megee	8/1/03
Keith Paul	8/1/03
Al Schmeiser	8/1/03
Jerry Woodrow	8/1/03

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 at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Debbie



PROGRAM REPORT

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

We will be presenting a GPS or Global Position System seminar on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 7:00pm. 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 seminar is free to 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.

Breeze

COYOTE HUNT

by Cindy Seff, Member

Attention Hunters: Here is a request from the unit manager in 18B. The antelope fawns are going to begin hitting the ground in the next two weeks. He is requesting assistance from us predator callers to help increase the survival rate of these fawns.

He would like hunters in the area's he has listed. If you are going to be out there please let us know so he can keep data for next year and I can see the response he gets. Next year we are going to put some organized hunts together in these site specific locations in advance of these fawn drops.

Here is your chance to once again help assist in a critical habitat area.

Please email and circulate to you clubs as well as any others on your lists. This is a request for an action alert on this area. Thanks, Cindy

From: <gelms376@netscape.net>
To: <Aztrappers@direcway.com>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 1:08 PM
Subject: Coyote hunting in 18B

Cindy,

Thank you for your interest in helping. As I explained before my antelope fawns are hitting the ground and for the next few weeks are going to be highly susceptible to coyote predation. I would like to request assistance from your group and/or fellow predator callers to reduce coyote predation to my antelope fawns. The areas I would like people to focus on are as follows:

Goodwin Mesa both east and west of Suale tank, Bozarth Mesa, Contreras Mesa, and Behm Mesa. Also the northern portions of 18B and southern 18A. This

Anvil Rock area probably contains the highest concentration of coyotes but the area has limited access. The majority of antelope habitat is located west of the Anvil Rock ranch house and east of the ranch to the 17A border.

Interested hunters will find that the Bagdad 1:100,000 scale map will provide adequate detail on access to these areas. Those interested in the Anvil Rock areas are best served looking at a Kingman BLM land status map. If anyone needs further directions, information about an area or access please email me at GELms376@netscape.net. I would also like to have hunters report back to me with the results of their efforts. This information will prove to be useful in management decisions as well as organizing a hunt next year with a more timely notice.

Thank you for your help.
Gene Elms.

THE HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Co-Chair

Well, my second year as a member has come to an end. Like many of you, I didn't get out as much as I would have liked to (this earning a living routine is really cutting into my free time). When I was able to, I had some successes and always learned something new. Just like at the meetings, I listen to other hunters, you never know what you might learn.

This past March we had our annual shoot-out at the Rio Salado range and like all club events it was a great time. There were several new faces, we had some people join that morning. There seemed to be a little confusion on the scoring as there were questions raised about fur shots being lethal. They were only paper targets, instead of shooting at standard targets with a 10-ring, 9-ring, 8-ring, etc.; we shot at foxes and coyotes. With the 1-ring being the outside shape of the animal and the 2-ring being a smaller shape roughly over the location of the heart. Scoring was simple, cutting "ink" was a hit, if not a miss. Congratulation goes to Eric Vidana for winning the main event and his humble acceptants of the win. The long-range pistol shoot was, as usual, about 99% luck. The long-range rifle, tested the "bench masters" marksmanship, some very impressive groups were recorded. The final event was the team pistol shoot. What a riot, a two on two gunfight against little steel silhouettes. Those of you who left early missed the best part of the day.

The Game and Fish fall hunt regulations are on the internet now and hard copies should be out within a week or two. The numbers of permits are going down and so are your chances of getting drawn. This makes predator hunting even more appealing, with a long season and most of the

state in which to hunt. As for big game applications, you can apply online, this has several advantages. First, the system won't let you make a mistake, which in past years could get you and your party rejected. Second, you are only charged the application fee when you apply, if you are drawn, you will then be charged for the permits, so the Game and Fish won't be sitting on your money for two months.

Stan Schepers and I am the Co-hunt Chairman and we have already begun to plan for the novice hunts next fall. If you have any ideas that you think might improve any of the club events, please let one of us know. I am looking forward to August and the opening of bear season.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

Dusty

FROM THE EDITOR

by Mike Clerc, Editor

Greetings,

With this issue of the *Predator's Pride*, we will be going into our summer break. This will be the last newsletter until the August issue. For those who would be interested, in an effort to help the APC save some money for postage, we would like to encourage those members who have internet access, to help us by deferring your regular monthly copy of the newsletter. You would be able to get the newsletter much quicker, not having to wait for the US Postal Service to deliver it. You would simply go to our website at: <http://www.azpredatorcallers.com> and download your copy to either read online or print it out and read it later. I generally post the newsletter on the website several days before you would normally receive it in the mail, and I even send out an email to let APC members know when it is available. If you would like to take advantage of this service and drop the normal mail delivery of your newsletter, please drop me an email and let me know so that we can take you off of the mailing list. My email address is: editor@azpredatorcallers.com.

If you haven't done so lately, I highly recommend that you visit the *Arizona Game & Fish Departments* website. It has been completely overhauled recently and is well worth the visit. According to the website, the printed version of the 2003-2004 Hunt Regulations will be available at retailers May 15, **HOWEVER**, for those wishing to do so, you can download them yourself **NOW** by visiting:

<http://www.gf.state.az.us>

Until Next Fall. . .

Mike

BOQUILLAS RANCH CLEANUP

by Don Martin, Member

The 11th annual Boquillas Ranch Clean-up has been set for Saturday, May 31. Times are from 8 am until 5 pm.

Each year the *Mohave Sportsman Club*, in conjunction with the *Arizona Game & Fish Department*, holds a one-day clean up event on the Boquillas. In exchange for the clean up effort, the Navajo Nation, which owns the sprawling 730,000 acre ranch in Unit 10, allows ALL recreational users access on the ranch for another year.

Whether you're a hunter, hiker, 4X4 enthusiasts, bird watcher or just like to get away from the hustle and bustle and camp, this is the way to ensure you have a place to go recreate.

Participants will meet at Pica Camp, receive a briefing from Tim Pender, the wildlife manager for the unit, then grab some plastic bags and head off.

After spending the day in the field, bring your trash back to Pica Camp where the *Arizona Game & Fish Department* has made arrangements for it to be picked up.

To get to Pica Camp from Kingman, take Highway 66 to mile post 123, turn left (north) and go two miles. You'll see all of us there!

For those who don't know, there is a season this year on prairie dogs. The bad news is the season is closed during this time. However, coyotes are still in season and you are encouraged to take any you see. The antelope and deer will have dropped their fawns in Unit 10 at that time, so taking a coyote then could save a fawn, and they need the help!

For more information on the clean up, or if you need a ride for the day, contact Don Martin at (928) 753-4867.



NEWS RELEASE

submitted by Cindy Seff, Member

Arizona Game and Fish Department,
Seligman

Dateline: April 14, 2003

Prairie Dogs Determined to Be Carnivorous and Dangerous to Large Mammals and Smaller Humans

Researchers in the Aubrey Valley near Seligman recently discovered that prairie dogs have made a tremendous evolutionary jump from being herbivores to becoming vicious carnivorous predators. This major Darwinian advancement has been documented by researchers who progressively discovered larger and larger amounts of insect remains and large numbers of bones in the refuse in prairie dog towns. What the researchers didn't immediately release, however, fearing a panic, was that the bones come from a large number of mammals including numerous varieties of mice, voles (most likely Hualapai Mexican Voles, an animal recently taken off the endangered species list and now likely to go back on it), kangaroo rats, wood rats, cottontail rabbits, jack rabbits, strange weasel like creatures resembling Black Footed Ferrets, and yes, even deer, elk, antelope and cattle along with a few horses. Even more astounding and ominous, the remains of several coyotes, badgers, black bears, mountain lions and Mexican Wolves were found with small gnawing marks on the remaining bits of bloody bone.

This news release is not meant to start a panic or create unrealistic rumors but facts are facts. This author is concerned for his life and the lives of his family and other local residents. It appears that giving Prairie Dogs seasonal protection from hunting was an unwise decision at best and a complete ecological disaster of uncognizable proportions at worst. Two days ago, two armed cowboys riding together never made it back to Pica Camp, no remains were found. Today a young child wandered off from a campsite along the Aubrey Cliffs and only a few bloody remains were discovered by distraught parents and family friends making up the search party. It has occurred to this author that low fawn and calf survival rates experienced in Game Management Units 10 and 18A,

always previously blamed on poor habitat conditions and predation by coyotes and mountain lions, have in actuality been caused by prairie dogs. The many missing person reports of recent years are now also suspect.

Precautions for humans in the Seligman area include prairie dog proof fencing, mine fields and large aggressive dogs (canines, that is) left in yards around homes along with large stockpiles of weapons and ammunitions of calibers stout enough to stop determinedly charging prairie dogs.

The Governor of Arizona has already made disaster relief funding available to the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* to initiate control efforts. Brave volunteer wildlife personnel armed with everything from .22's to rocket launchers in armored personnel carriers are ready to start efforts to regain control of the Seligman area. An un-named high ranking Department source revealed yesterday that "Even though we made a real mistake in giving prairie dogs seasonal protection, we are now going to do everything in our power to rectify the situation." We hope these efforts will be enough and not too late! Wildlife personnel in adjoining areas are warned to be ever vigilant in watching out for the new menace, killer prairie dogs, most likely coming to you soon. Too soon.



THE MORNING STAND

by Chris Shoemake, Member

Dim and silent. The sun hiding behind the horde of foliage. The fragrant aroma of the salt cedars waving in the newborn day. The almost silent chirping of the crickets singing their closing songs. The rustle of the birds in the immense tree tops high aloft my head. The fluttering of their delicate wings beating the cold winter air as they pass by. The earthy scent of the dirt from a previous rain. The morning dew clinging on the leaves of the shivering trees. The crisp and misty look of the frosty winter air. I am aware for the first gorgeous stand of the new morning.

I sit patiently, silently and aware of my surroundings. I shiver from the cold winter air passing over my body. My skin tightens to keep warm. My father sitting aside also experiencing what I am. The steam extends from my mouth like a warm vaporizer. The sun now a brighter glow. I glance over at my father, he too is aware. He now raises the skillfully crafted call up to his cold blue lips. His expression is determined, serious, and somber. He starts to call, the sound is so invigorating. The call stirs the birds and the crickets are quiet.

He will continue the session for about one minute. Then we will fall into a complete silence, absolute silence. The sun, now barely peeking

over the tree tops of the salt cedars. I start to feel the warming rays of the sun showering my body. A swooping dove awakens me. My father now continues the lure for what we came for. He looks winded and out of breath from the first session. Suddenly my father is surprised and startled; he studies the thick and winding branches ahead. He looks with precision. I pon-



der at the direction of his steady eyes. I can't seem to find any movement or anything at that. Surprisingly he raises his rifle, I can see his heart beating in his steady chest. I take another second to look at where his eyes are stationed. I am dumbfounded to see nothing.

I get ready just in case the invisible culprit comes my way. My shoulders tense and forward. All of my senses are turned on. I am in a predator's backyard. I again study the tree bottoms when "BOOM"! I jumped in fear, the piercing sound of my father's rifle. The barrel of the rifle hot, and has a blinding glare from the uprising sun. The beautifully crafted stock. The mesmerizing mechanics of the action. He slides the bolt back, the hot brass falls out like in slow motion. I look

into his cavernous eyes, he nods. He had gotten what we came for. He sits up and stretches his morning bones. I jumped up in excitement. I am very curious to see what he had fooled and gotten. I am dumbfounded as I search the bottoms of the thick trees to see nothing.

I stop, catch my breath and investigate for the landowner. My dad walks up behind me, breathing hard from the excitement, and points. It was a coyote! One of the most bitter hearted animals that roams the desert floors. The animal that will go on a routine bloodlust just for fun. We have come on our mission and succeeded in

our duties as predator hunters. That one less coyote means one MORE fawn to fall next season.

Editor's Note: Chris Shoemake is the son of Mike and Debbie Burris. This story was written for his 9th grade English class. His teacher actually entered it in a writing contest for the school district.



PROUD PARENT REPORT

by Mike & Debbie Burris

We just wanted to take this opportunity to tell everyone about an award our son; Christopher Shoemake received on April 17th at Mesa High School. Christopher is a freshman in high school this year and is currently enrolled in the Air Force J.R.O.T.C. program at Mesa High School and the Air Force Explorers program at Sky Harbor Airport. Christopher is a Staff Sgt. and has the distinct honor of being the highest-ranking freshman ever at Mesa High. On April 17th the Mesa High J.R.O.T.C. program held their annual awards banquet. There were many awards and medals handed out that night to very worthy recipients. Many of the cadets had worked extremely hard throughout the school year and had donated many hours of their time (at school at 6:30am rain or shine) to compete in various Color Guard and Drill Team competitions statewide and in California. Christopher received his letter for being on their Drill Team.

Many presentations were made for academic excellence and leadership achievements. Christopher was the only freshman to receive a leadership ribbon for his leadership ability this year. Now prior to the banquet we asked our son, "Do you think you'll receive any awards tonight son?" he replied "No, all of those go to the upper classmen and I'm only a freshman this year." Famous last words! Towards the end of the presentations Master Sgt. Wescott announced that he would be handing out a national award to a very lucky cadet. This award was to be given to a cadet that had shown extraordinary patriotism during this school year. The Mesa High J.R.O.T.C. program had not been able to hand out this award for the last two years. The award was an American flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on May 18, 2002 at the request of the Honorable John McCain, United States Senator. This flag was flown in recognition of the Outstanding R.O.T.C. Cadet Award. Master Sgt. Wescott told all that were in attendance that night that it took them only about thirty seconds to know that this award should be given to Staff Sgt. Christopher Shoemake.

Christopher had not only participated in the Drill Team competitions, he also

participated in Color Guard activities and had worked very hard at making all of the cadets aware of what a POW/MIA bracelet is and why we wear them. He worked out the details through his Explorers program to make it possible for the J.R.O.T.C. cadets to purchase the bracelets and wear them as he does. He is a staunch supporter of his country, proudly wears his uniform and is working hard to qualify for the Air Force Academy after he graduates from high school. Chris made us both very proud of him and his accomplishments this year. He is a member of APC, hunts with his dad when he can and we just wanted to share his story.

Mike & Debbie Burris



Cadet Staff Sgt. Christopher Shoemake receiving award from Master Sgt. Wescott.



HOW TO SWIM WITH ELK?

submitted by Cindy Seff, Member

Learn How To Swim in the Elk Pool

"You can't roller skate in a buffalo herd," say the lyrics to an old Roger Miller song, but you might go hunting in an elk pool. Not really but almost.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission on April 12 approved a new concept in Arizona - creating hunter pools for elk, javelina, buffalo and black bear.

These hunter pools could be used for population management hunts in the state when department biologists determine it is necessary to harvest animals when conditions warrant. In other words, those in the hunter pool would be the on-call hunters.

For instance, continued drought could result in elk impacting habitat in some areas. "In that case, we could use hunters as surgical instrument when necessary to help habitat health, while at the same time providing additional hunt opportunities," says Game Branch Chief Tice Supplee.

As an example, the Game and Fish Commission adopted basic hunt structures for population management hunts in units 3C and 3B for sometime between Aug. 1 this year and Jan. 31, 2004. The hunt structures are in place just in case a population management hunt becomes necessary in that area.

Here is how those hunter pools would work:

- When a population management hunt is necessary, hunters will be selected from the pool.
- The application cost is \$5. There is a new application form strictly for this process.
- You may apply any time during the year. The hunter pool list will be purged annually on April 30. You must designate the species of animal (elk, bear, javelina and/or buffalo) and weapon type when applying.
- You may designate more than one species and weapon type on the application form. If you do, your name will be included in the hunter pool for each species and weapon type you designate.
- A hunting license number is not required when applying for the hunter pool. However, if you are selected, you must have a valid hunting license when purchasing your non-permit tag.
- If a limited population hunt is set and your application is randomly selected, the department will attempt to contact you three times by telephone within a 24-hour period. If you cannot be contacted, your application will be returned to the hunter pool for inclusion in future population management hunts if they become neces-

sary.

- If you are randomly selected and offered a restricted non-permit tag for a population management hunt, you may decline to participate, and your application will be returned to the hunter pool for future consideration.

- You are still eligible to be in a hunter pool even if you are drawn for that species during the regular big game drawing process. However, if you are selected from the hunter pool, elect to go afield, and harvest an animal, the annual bag limit applies. In other words, you can only harvest one animal and your drawn hunt-permit tag would no longer be legal to use. Conversely, if you do not harvest an animal, you may still use the hunt-permit tag from the regular drawing process.

- If you elect to participate in the population management hunt, you likely will be asked to go afield and hunt within a few days of being contacted.

- If you agree to participate in a population management hunt but fail to purchase your tag within the timeframe designated when you are contacted, you will not be eligible for further population management hunts that year.

- Restricted non-permit tags for population management hunts may be purchased at all Arizona Game and Fish Department regional offices and the main Phoenix office only.

- You will neither gain nor lose bonus points when you apply for, or participate in, a population management hunt.

Reprinted from the AZGFD Wildlife News

AWF CONVENTION

submitted by Jerry Thorson, Treasurer

The Arizona Wildlife Federation was founded in 1923 and is hosting its eightieth annual convention on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at the Fiesta Inn, 2100 South Priest Drive in Tempe. The morning business session and the afternoon Antelope habitat forum are open to the public at no charge. The luncheon tickets are \$25, the evening banquet tickets are \$40, and you can buy the combination for \$60.

There has been a lot of bad press about the Arizona Wildlife Federation lately and I can assure you that the AWF has not opposed or stopped any predator hunts. There are no anti-hunters on the AWF board and there are probably not any in the general membership or in the affiliate clubs. The AWF is working hard to assure that "multiple use" is applied to Anderson Mesa so that the wildlife

habitat is restored and we will once again have many antelope, deer, and elk in our national forests. But why take my word about the AWF when you can come to the convention and see for yourself that there are no anti's present.

The AWF is offering affiliate club presidents a special price of no charge for the convention this year and I would like to challenge the APC board to pay for one or more additional APC delegates and or their spouses. I am already attending the AWF convention so I am excluded from this challenge.

The evening banquet speaker is Rich Fowler, the television moderator of the Wild Kingdom show and their will be opportunities to have your picture taken with a television celebrity. Tickets for the AWF convention can be obtained from the AWF office at (480) 644 0077.

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