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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stan Schepers, APC President

HELLO EVERYONE,

I would like to congratulate Mike Kannapel and Willard Bourquein. They have been inducted into the APC Hall of Fame. A well deserved honor for both Mike & Willard. Both have done a lot for APC and the sport of hunting, and on top of that they are really good guys. CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE & WILLARD!!!

Some of you may not know it but the Griffen Ranch Project got cancelled by the Guru at ASU because it might rain, and it did rain for about 45 mins. Saturday morning. It took 3 months to organize the Project and it was cancelled because of a little rain.....

APC now has a trailer with BBQ, GENERATOR, LIGHTS, SKINNING POLE.....

I would like to thank everyone who donated to this project. I think everyone will be happy with the results. The trailer will be at the May Meeting for everyone to see. We will have a BBQ, so come hungry.....

We will also give out some more awards for this season.....

Hope to see you there.....

Stan

May Meeting Program

The May meeting is our annual family get together. We will have hotdogs and hamburgers from the grill. Other family members are welcome. Hunt awards will be presented. Come see our new trailer.

Coming Events

May General Meeting.....10 May '07
Awards & Family Get-Together
May Board Meeting.....28 May '07

Have a safe summer.

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until ??

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Treasurers Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from April 1 through April 31, 2007.

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$5,611.31
 Check #1561 Legends Express.....(\$95.08)
 Check #1562 John Albin - Labels...(\$29.09)
 Check #1563 AJI Rm700-Raffle...(\$670.00)
 Check #1564 Mike Clerc-Newltr...(\$288.49)
 Check #1565 S.Schepers-Trailer....(\$86.99)
 Check #1566 C. Gombos-Awards.(\$145.26)
 Check #1567 C. Gombos-Awards.(\$200.00)
 Check #1568 S.Schepers-Food....(\$877.04)
 Check #1569 J. Cordova-Kids Fish(\$200.00)
 Check #1570 S.Schepers-Locks.....(\$28.00)
 Check #1571 Postage.....(\$226.91)
 Check #1572 AWF - 8 members.....(\$52.00)
 Deposit Memberships + Cash.....\$975.00
Ending Balance 4/30/07.....\$3,687.45

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance....\$90.23
 Cash Sales.....\$5.50
 Merchandise.....\$0.00
 Dues.....\$0.00
 Rifle & Knife Raffle.....\$190.00
 Raffles.....\$90.00
 Deposits to Checking.....(\$300.00)
Petty Cash End Balance.....\$75.73

Total Cash.....\$3,763.18

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$1,861.75

Total Assets.....\$5,624.93

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out. Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.

4/13/06 Paul Corens...Critr Call Instruction
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester.How to Talk to Deer
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester.Operation Predator
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester...Whitetails Chance of a Lifetime
 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears....Elk Calling DVD
 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears..Utah Raging Bull
 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....Guns of Valor
 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....How To Hunt Black Bear
 1/10/07 Chuck Beshears.Archery Hunting
 2/8/07 Dave Warren.....Hunting Coyotes East and West
 2/8/07 Dave Warren.....Reloading II
 2/8/07 Dave Warren.....Select, Tune & Shoot Compound Bows
 4/12/07 Conner Griner..Hunting in the East
 4/12/07 Sid Chalasani.....Calling Coyotes

Jerry



Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

New Members

Name
 Louis Brudnock
 David Bulgrin
 Branislav Djuric
 Dave Frank
 Walter Kolana
 Martin Ledford
 Kenneth Robinson
 Zoran Vishjic
 Douglas Wallace

Membership Expirations

| Name | Expiration |
|-----------------|------------|
| Thomas Blum | 5/1/2007 |
| Dan Bramley | 5/1/2007 |
| Michael Clerc | 5/1/2007 |
| Patrick Damiani | 5/1/2007 |
| Scott Dubek | 5/1/2007 |
| Dustin Thompson | 5/1/2007 |
| Ken Waddill | 5/1/2007 |

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 **866-434-0282** or you can e-mail me any time at: membership@azpredatorcallers.com

Coming Up For Renewal

| Name | Expiration |
|-------------------|------------|
| Karl Griner | 7/1/2007 |
| John Albin | 8/1/2007 |
| Stan Cluff | 8/1/2007 |
| Kirk Griffin | 8/1/2007 |
| Bob Hisserich | 8/1/2007 |
| Randall Jorgensen | 8/1/2007 |
| Don Llona | 8/1/2007 |
| Bill Rice | 8/1/2007 |
| James Tucker | 8/1/2007 |
| Louis Wilcox | 8/1/2007 |

I wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing every one back next year!

Classified Ad

**Cannon Traditional Series Model T36 (37 gun), Gloss Black (Onyx) with Gold Hardware, Manual Lock, 40" x 60" x 28" @ 955 lbs. Includes Handgun Kit (handguns stored on hanging panel on the inside of the door). Less than 1 yr old. Check out the warranty & fire protection rating on the Cannon website: <http://www.cannonsafe.com/safestraditionalseries.nxg>. \$1,500.00
 Call Scott @ (602) 319-0793.**

Weapons Used in Predator Harvest

2006/2007

| Type | Coyotes | Fox | Bobcats | Misc. |
|---------------------|---------|-----|---------|---------|
| Shotgun | 116 | 65 | 15 | |
| 223 | 87 | 8 | 7 | |
| 22-250 | 41 | 7 | 4 | |
| 204 Ruger | 40 | 4 | 1 | |
| 243 | 24 | 0 | 0 | |
| 22 T Hornet | 21 | 1 | 1 | |
| 17 Ackley | 10 | 2 | 0 | |
| 223 WSM | 8 | 2 | 1 | |
| 220 Swift | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| 30-06 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 308 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 25-06 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7.62x39 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 222 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 17 HMR | 2 | 3 | 0 | |
| 17 Rem | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| 300 WSM | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 300Win Mag | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1-Bear |
| Unspecified Rifle | 28 | 10 | 1 | 1- Lion |
| Unspecified Handgun | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Bow & Arrow | 1 | 0 | 1 | |

Triple Play

by Joe Porath and Mark Miller

Jeff Porath (my son) of Porath Game Calls, flew into Arizona for a six day field testing trip for three of his new predator calls. One is a diaphragm call that imitates a house cat (bobcats and coyotes love it). He named it the Killer Kitty Feline Distress. Jeff also tested an open reed call and an open reed howler.

We hunted five and a half days and called in 13 coyotes, 2 bobcats and 2 fox...also 4 deer and 1 buck that came into the open reed call to about 10 yards from Jeff. A bull came in blowing snot and pawing the ground...he didn't want us in his area. He came into the call very fast; also several hawks and hummingbirds. What a great time we had!

Mark Miller came every day and Rich Higgins took Jeff and Mark out on Sunday. Out of the 13 coyotes, Mark shot 2 and Jeff got one. Jeff also got a bobcat and a fox. He is naming the open reed call the "Triple Play". That name came about because on a 30 minute stand I (Joe, his Dad) called in a coyote, fox and a bobcat.

It was great having my son here. We only hunted four hours the last day so Mom could see some of him. We were up at four every morning and hunted 'till dark. Late supper and to bed.



Jeff Porath with a fox



Jeff with a bobcat



Jeff and Mark Miller with a coyote



Rich Higgins and Jeff with a coyote

Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

The season is over and the reports are in. The annual summary hunt report is done and included in this newsletter. Also I've included a list of the weapons used by our members. These reports were prepared by my daughter, since she knows a lot more about this damn computer than I do. Thank you, Lisa.

The Griffin ranch project was a bust. The head guy from ASU didn't want to get wet, so he cancelled the whole thing Friday afternoon. Stan, Ken, and I had already cleared brush and cut some trails to move rocks down by the time the word reached us. Kara, Greig, and Bill also showed up to help us set up Friday. As it ended up the six of us had a nice campfire, good food, and some cold beer. We slept under the stars, packed up the next morning, and came home. We had a brief shower Saturday morning but nothing to get excited about.

Our club trailer is finished thanks to a number of people who contributed time and money. And a big thank you to Stan who did probably 90% of the work. We will have it at our meeting this month for all to see. This month will be our awards night and cook out. Bring your family and friends and join us.

Time to clean your guns and fix any equipment problems so you will be ready for next August. Also get started on that "honey do" list so you can take some time off to go hunting next fall.

**Be Safe, Have Fun,
Shoot to Kill !**

Dusty

Annual Summary Hunt Report

| UNIT or AREA | SPECIES | NUMBER-SEX | TOTAL | COMMENT |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Coyote | 11-M, 3-F | 14 Coyotes | |
| | Bobcat | 1-F | 1 Bobcat | |
| 2A | Coyote | 3-M, 2-F | 5 Coyotes | |
| 2B | Coyote | 2-M, 4-? | 6 Coyotes | |
| 2C | Coyote | 3-M, 4-F | 7 Coyotes | |
| 3B | Coyote | 5-F | 5 Coyotes | 1 with mange |
| 3C | Coyote | 2-M | 2 Coyotes | |
| 4A | Coyote | 1-M | 1 Coyote | |
| 4B | Coyote | 3-M, 1-F | 4 Coyotes | |
| 6A | Coyote | 3-M | 3 Coyotes | |
| 7 | Coyote | 13-? | 13 Coyotes | |
| | Bobcat | 1-F | 1 Bobcat | |
| 8 | Coyote | 1-M | 1 Coyote | |
| 9 | Coyote | 3-F, 4-? | 7 Coyotes | |
| 10 | Coyote | 7-M, 13-F, 3-? | 23 Coyotes | 2F- in heat, 6Jan&4Feb |
| | Gray Fox | 6-M, 2-F | 8 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 3-M | 3 Bobcats | 1-22lbs. & 1-23lbs. |
| 12A | Gray Fox | 1-M, 2-F, 2-? | 5 Fox | |
| 15B | Gray Fox | 1-M, 1-F | 2 fox | |
| 16A | Bobcat | 1-F | 1 Bobcat | |
| 17A | Gray Fox | 1-M, 1-? | 2 Fox | |
| 18A | Coyote | 10-M, 5-F | 15 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 2-M, 1-F | 3 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 2-F | 2 Bobcats | |
| 19B | Coyote | 1-F | 1 Coyote | |
| 20B | Coyote | 1-F | 1 Coyote | |
| 20C | Coyote | 1-M, 4-F | 5 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 3-M | 3 Fox | |
| 21 | Gray Fox | 3-M | 3 Fox | |
| 22 | Coyote | 18-M, 4-F | 22 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 4-M, 6-F, 1-? | 11 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M, 1-F | 2 Bobcats | |

Annual Summary Hunt Report

| UNIT or AREA | SPECIES | NUMBER-SEX | TOTAL | COMMENT |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| 23 | Coyote | 7-M, 2-F | 9 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 1-M, 1-F | 2 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 3-F | 3 Bobcats | |
| | Mountain Lion | 1-M | 1 Lion | |
| 24A | Coyote | 4-M, 2-F, 2-? | 8 Coyotes | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M | 1 Bobcat | |
| 24B | Coyote | 5-M, 4-F | 9 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 5-M, 5-F | 10 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M, 1-F | 2 Bobcats | |
| 27 | Coyote | 2-M, 2-? | 4 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 2-? | 2 Fox | |
| 28 | Gray Fox | 1-M | 1 Fox | |
| 29 | Coyote | 2-M | 2 Coyotes | |
| 30A | Coyote | 2-M, 1-F | 3 Coyotes | |
| 31 | Gray Fox | 3-M, 6-F | 9 Fox | |
| 34A | Coyote | 5-M, 2-F | 7 Coyotes | |
| 34B | Gray Fox | 1-M | 1 Fox | |
| 37A | Coyote | 30-M,11-F,1-? | 42 Coyotes | |
| | Bobcat | 1-F | 1 Bobcat | 17lbs. |
| 37B | Coyote | 8-M,5-F,6-? | 19 Coyotes | 2-F pups,8Aug |
| | Gray Fox | 4-M,1-F | 5 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 2-M, 3-F | 5 Bobcats | 1-F 24lbs. |
| 39 | Coyote | 14-M,13-F,2-? | 29 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 1-M,1-F | 2 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M, 2-F | 3 Bobcats | |
| 39M | Coyote | 6-M,2-F | 8 Coyotes | |
| 41 | Coyote | 5-M,1-F | 6 Coyotes | |
| 42 | Coyote | 2-M | 2 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 1-M, 2-F | 3 Fox | |
| 42M | Coyote | 1-F, 4-? | 5 Coyotes | 1-F pup,1 Oct |
| Fort Apache Res. | Black Bear | 1-M | 1 Bear | |
| Navajo Res. | Coyote | 10-M,4-F,5-? | 19 Coyotes | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M | 1 Bobcat | |
| San Carlos Res. | Coyote | 3-M,2-F,6-? | 11 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 2-M,4-F,1-? | 7-Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 1-M | 1 Bobcat | |
| Somewhere in AZ | Coyote | 29-M,18-F,35-? | 82 Coyotes | |
| | Gray Fox | 12-M, 6-F, 8-? | 26 Fox | |
| | Bobcat | 4-M, 1-F | 5 Bobcat | |

Totals
 400 Coyotes
 105 Gray Fox
 32 Bobcats
 1 Mountain Lion
 1 Black Bear

76% of Members turned in hunt records

Letter to the Editor from Kirk Griffin

Dear fellow Sportsmen,

I had an interesting experience at the Federal Land Management Planning meeting that was hosted by the AZ Game and Fish dept on April 16th and would like to convey what I observed.

First a brief introduction. I've been a member of the AZ Predator Callers club for almost a year now. I greatly enjoy the hunting education the monthly meetings provide and look forward to the next season of hunting. I have yet to harvest a called in predator or to win a meeting door prize. Perhaps when successful at one, I'll be successful with the other. I will continue to work at it!

The purpose of the Land Management meeting was to communicate to Arizona sportsmen of the various actions being taken by our Federal land agencies, USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In 1976 Congress passed the National Forest Management Act, which requires each national forest complete and periodically update its forest plan. This cycle of updating the forest plan is approximately 15 years. So every 15 years we can expect road and area restriction changes.

A 15 year cycle is near generational, meaning that the decisions made in 2007 will last nearly a generation before the plans are revised. The actions being taken this year could change current, traditional hunts experienced by our families and friends.

Here are my observations of the meeting held at the Mesa Game and Fish office:

- The Game and Fish department is in a very tough position. As a state agency, they don't have jurisdiction over the federal agencies. They're just trying to get Arizona sportsmen involved in something that could dramatically affect the ability to hunt in this state.
- The Game and Fish folks did a great job presenting some difficult material to a very emotional crowd. The meeting room was full (standing room only).
- Both the BLM and Forest plans are region based. This means that decisions are made at the region level, not the state or national level. In order for hunters to influence every region, they would have to attend a meeting for each region for each of the federal agencies. I don't believe there's any malice by these agencies by fragmenting the decision making. Each region requires a different approach to management (e.g. Sonoran desert vs. heavy forest).
- Since the Forest and BLM lands are nationally owned, advocates or activists external to the state of Arizona can influence the planning.
- There is a strong environmentalist movement that is working to influence as much restriction as possible. During the meeting, I had a side conversation with a gentleman who indicated he had been attending several of the US Forest and BLM public meetings. He commented, "Every meeting has a group of Sierra Club members who are pushing for more restrictions". My thought and comment was that hunters and anglers have likely built or restored more wildlife and wildlife habitat than any environmental group. It's

just we don't have a large advocacy group that can drive this point home to the organizations responsible for land management.

Friends and fellow sportsmen, it's important that when we attend these meetings, we understand the impact we have on wildlife conservation. And that we're able to explain, thoughtfully, that without modern day hunters and anglers, wildlife populations would be reduced or endangered. The following are some information on the impact that hunting and fishing have:

- Since 1937, hunters have contributed over 4 billion dollars through the Pittman-Robertson Act for the benefit of all wildlife species. These dollars have been used to purchase millions of acres of public lands.
- Through over 10,000 clubs and organizations such as NRA, Ducks Unlimited, Safari Club International, National Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Quail Unlimited, sportsmen contribute an additional \$300 million each year to wildlife conservation activities.
- Hunters and fishermen fund nearly 75% of the annual income for all 50 state conservation agencies. Through license fees and excise taxes on arms and gear, sportsmen contribute \$200 million per year for wildlife conservation. (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service).
- Hunting contributes over \$30 billion to the economy each year, supporting over 1,000,000 jobs. (National Shooting Sports Foundation).
- Hunters' dollars and efforts have paid off for wildlife. In the 1920s, many wildlife populations were at historic lows, but now they are booming. As the graphic shows: (www.ConservationForce.org. Click on "Alerts") whitetail deer populations had declined to approximately 300,000, wild turkey to fewer than 30,000, pronghorn antelope to only 25,000 and North American elk to 50,000; the wood duck was nearly extinct and there were fewer than 500 bison. Today, there are more than 20 million whitetail deer, more than 4 million turkeys (with populations in every state but Alaska) and more than 1 million antelope and elk.

I believe that the majority of hunters and fishermen are conservationists at heart and that restricting hunters could cause a detrimental decrease in the revenue for wildlife and habitat development. Short of quitting my job or abandoning my family, I plan to fight the '800 lb Gorilla' (environmentalists and anti-hunting activists) and support a carefully planned land management program that will place restrictions in the right places, for the right reasons, and with consideration to hunting and fishing.

References:

AZ Game and Fish: http://www.azgfd.gov/artman/publish/article_729.shtml

US Forest Service Land Management: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/index.shtml>

BLM Route Designation: http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/info/newsroom/2007/04/april_13_-_blm_seeking.html

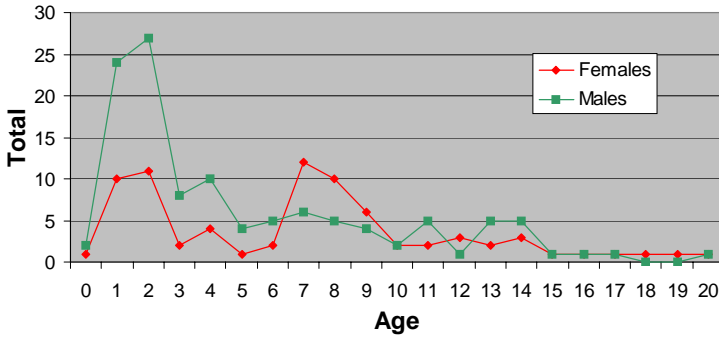
NRA-ILA Fact Sheets: <http://www.nraaila.org/Issues/FactSheets/Read.aspx?id=124&issue=021>

Conservation Force: <http://www.conservationforce.org/role6.html#hunters>

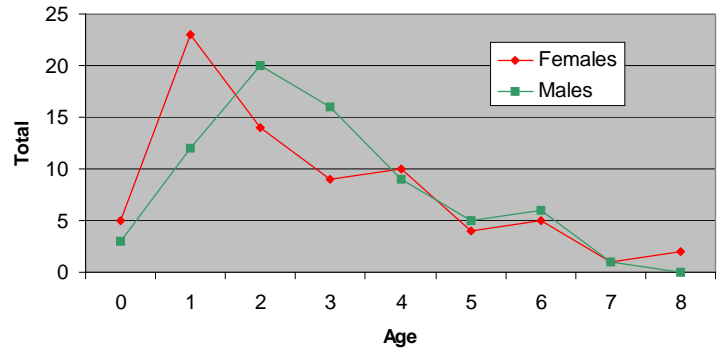
2006 Black Bear and Mountain Lion Harvest Data

Mike Disney, Arizona Game and Fish Predator/Furbearer and Projects Biologist gave a presentation titled "2006 Black Bear and Mountain Lion Harvest" to the Arizona Predator Callers at our April meeting. Here is some data that Mike showed those in attendance. Mike can be reached at 602-789-3354 or mdisney@azgfd.gov

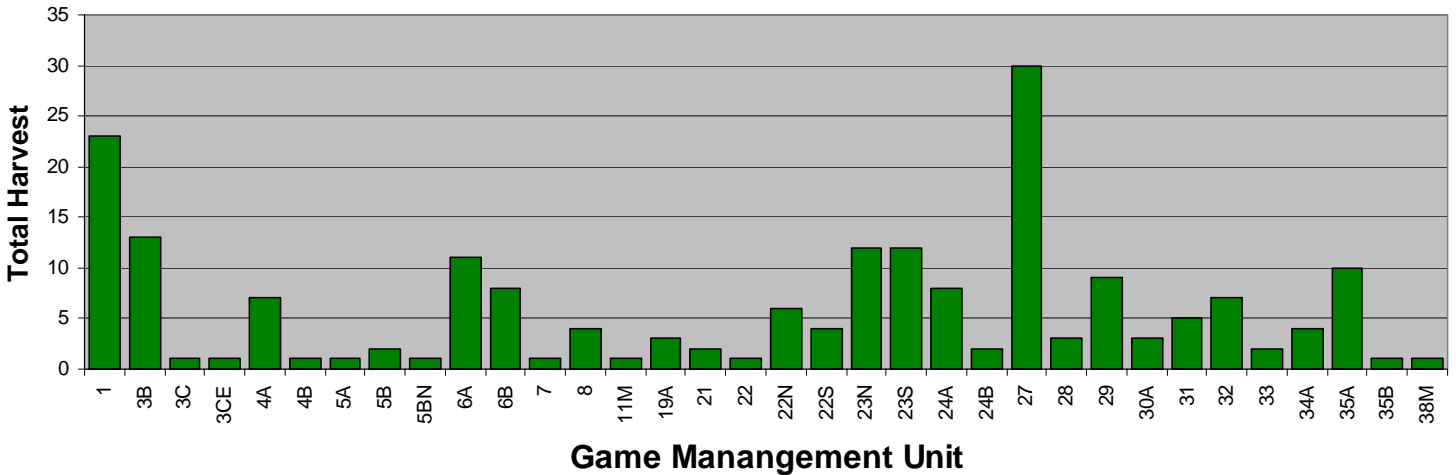
2006 Black Bear Harvest by Sex and Age



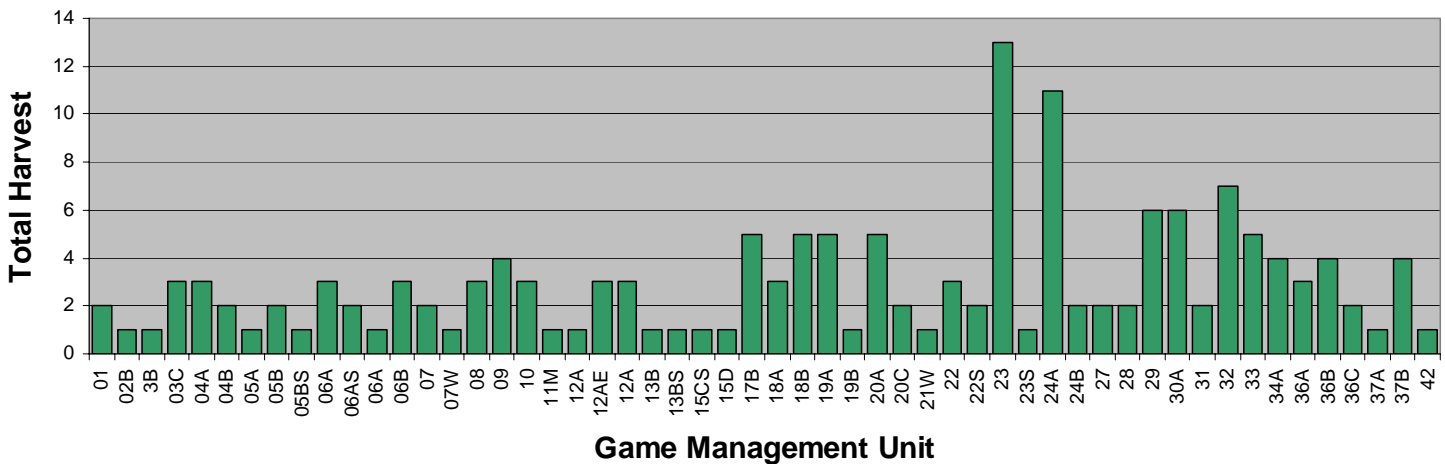
2006 Mountain Lion Harvest by Sex and Age



2006 Black Bear Harvest by Unit



2006 Mountain Lion Harvest by Unit



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Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

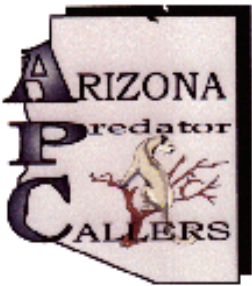
Family Membership add \$5.00.....\$35.00

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

Amount Enclosed _____

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