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Coming Events

General MeetingMay 13, 2010

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



PREDATOR'S PRIDE

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May 2010 APC P.O. Box 1172 Mesa, AZ 85211-1172

**The
 President's
 Message**

by **Scott Francom, APC President**



The Arizona Predator Callers Club has evolved year after year from its beginnings in the mid-60's. As the club members see needs within the club structure they are communicated to the board members and these ideas are discussed and voted on. Some are instituted, others are put aside to be discussed at a later date, and yet others are dismissed for various reasons. Recently the board of directors at APC discussed some changes that will occur this next year and I was asked to outline these in this newsletter.

1. Lapel Pin Recognition Program- In the past APC had a program wherein a club member is recognized for having harvested a certain number of predator species. We will be reinstating this program at the beginning of the 2010-2011 hunting season. In a future club meeting we will go over the program in detail and explain its requirements.
2. Each year the members of APC keep a record of the animals they harvest on a hunt record. We use these records to determine the expert and novice callers of the year awards. We are going to institute a new program to determine the winners of these awards and broaden the requirements to obtain them. Club members will be able to gather points from various club activities in addition to harvesting animals as in the past. The rewards associated with the new program will also be revised and will be explained in detail along with the rules and stipulations in an upcoming meeting. Needless to say, the awards will be larger and include more than just 1st place.
3. Monthly Club Hunts- In an effort to help members become accomplished predator hunters we will be hosting 1 hunt a month. The hunts will be an opportunity for members to obtain points toward the club award programs.
4. Mentor Program- One of the practices we want to begin emphasizing more is mentoring some of our less experienced predator hunters. The members of the club who are classified as expert or veteran callers are asked to volunteer some of their time at club hunts to taking out less experienced members and teaching them the skills necessary to harvest predators on their own in the future. To encourage this we will keep a tally of the club members who volunteer their time throughout the 2010-2011 hunting season and use these totals to award the top mentor a prize at the end of the season.
5. To help novice callers we will begin a list of members who wish to be mentored by a more experienced caller in the club. This list will be distributed to experienced callers and be used to coordinate not only club hunts but any hunt an expert caller can take a novice along.

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Treasurer's Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurer's report details all transactions from April 1 thru April 30, 2010

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$1,500.10

Check #1745 Legend Express Printing(52.86)
 Check #1746 J.Albin, Postage.....(26.40)
 Check #1744 MBurris, Meeting food....(30.46)
 Deposit Memberships.....555.00

Ending Balance 4/30/10.....\$1,945.38

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....\$58.16

Call Sales\$0.00
 Merchandise.....\$10.00
 Dues.....\$60.00
 Raffles.....\$373.00
 Deposits to Checking.....(\$400.00)

Petty Cash End Balance.....\$101.16

Total Cash.....\$2,046.54

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$2,505.75

Total Assets.....\$4,552.29

APC Video Library

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

- 2/12/09 Kara Jensen...Alone in the Wilderness
- 1/14/10 Greg Mallenkamp.....Calling Coyotes
- 10/8/09 Dave Cadwell.....Calling All Coyotes II
- 4/9/09 James Tucker.....Catastrophic
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee.....Exploding Varmints
- 10/8/09 Steve Thompson.....How to Hunt the Majestic Elk
- 1/10/08 Chuck Beshears.....Hunting Coyotes East and West
- 2/11/10 Scott Fribbs.....Select, Tune & Shoot Compound Bows
- 10/8/09 Dave Cadwell...Texas Predator Pursuit
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee....Up Close with Rich Higgins
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull

Thanks *Jerry*



May Meeting Program "Year End Awards Presentations"

The Arizona Predator Club will be presenting awards to the top callers of this past season. In addition, we will be having our annual club hosted barbeque dinner with all of the fixin's. Come join us in celebrating another great year.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

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.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice-President, at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.



Thanks to **Bob Small** for sharing his knowledge of trapping bobcats at the April APC meeting. You can purchase Bob's cage traps through his website at Briar Patch Cages.

Some tips that Bob offers for care of your bobcat pelts.

1. Skin carefully
2. Roll up the hide and put on ice.
3. Use a wire stretcher. He uses a coyote size. Round the face area to get rid of the point.
4. Stretch straight.
5. Keep the legs back and up, not out.
6. Pull the belly as wide as you can get it.

Other thoughts from Bob.

January is the best time to trap or hunt bobcats as their fur is prime. If not in January, hunt above 7,000 feet.

Release females with swollen nipples and young cats. This will ensure a supply in the future.

His average bobcat weighs 16 pounds.

Pick up any droppings you see. You can use these at your trap sets.

Spray lure around your cage.

Wear gloves to keep YOUR scent off of the cage trap.

Hide the trap in juniper, manzanita, etc.

Slide the cage under the juniper tree so the back of the cage hits the trunk.

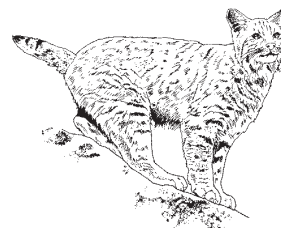
Work the cage into the juniper duff (the needle droppings and stuff under the tree) to cover the floor of the cage trap.

Put some of the duff on the trip pan.

Attach your lure capsule and critter lure (fur with eyes) at the back of the cage.

Cover the lures with a small piece of canvas to keep rain off.

In cold areas, bobcats move at night.



President's Message continued:

We will take time at the beginning of next season to go over the specifics of these changes and how we feel they will benefit the club members, the club itself, and the goals of predator calling in general. We ask that members hold their questions and concerns until the first meeting of August. At that time we encourage all members to contribute their ideas so we can refine these points of interest.

I would also like to thank the members of Arizona Predator Callers for making the 2009-2010 hunting season a success here with the club. We had great participation at club events, and welcomed many new members. It is my personal goal this next season to help club members gain a better knowledge of Arizona's predators and through the experience and skills of our more experienced callers and invited seminar speakers, help them harvest more predators. As a club it should be our combined goal to promote our club at all outdoor events and more importantly to promote the understanding of responsible wildlife management in the United States of American.

Thanks, Scott

HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



I would like to thank everyone who participated in our survey by turning in their hunt records. I have lots of blank forms for anyone who needs them, just see me at the meeting. I have finished the report with the help of my kids. My son Mike helped me with the phone calls and emails, and my daughter Lisa did the computer thing and made it all come together. We've included some stats from past years for comparison, hope you find it all interesting.

After the May meeting, we don't meet again until August 12th, however the board will meet a couple of times this summer. If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns please call or email one of the board members so we can talk it over.

Time to clean your guns, touch up the paint, reload and restock and generally take care of stuff that you've let slide all spring. Get busy on that "honey do list" so you will be ready for the fall.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty

Hunt and Events Calender

AAF Antelope Daze at Ben Avery.....May 8, 2010
for more info go to www.azantelope.org or call 602-361-6478

General Meeting & Award Presentations.....May 13, 2010

Next meeting will be after the summer hiatus on August 12, 2010

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“Success In The Field”



New APC member Greg Malenfant harvested his first coyote and first coatimundi this spring.

Stan Schepers has an open invitation to APC members or prospective members for one-on-one training on skinning and preparing your fur for sale. Stan can be reached at 480-461-8730 or by cell phone at 602-499-0505.



Send your hunt photos to the Editor of “Predator’s Pride”. We want to see your success.

Andrew Kerns pictured with two coyotes harvested during the 2009-2010 fur season.

Scott Francom shows another bobcat harvested this past season.

Arizona Predator Callers Annual Hunt Report For 2009-2010

SPECIES=>	Coyote				Bobcat				Gray Fox				Misc.
UNIT #	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	
1		1		1				0				0	
2A	1	1		2				0				0	
3A	4	2		6				0		2		2	
3C	2	10		12				0	1			1	
4A	4	3		7				0				0	
4B	1	1	2	4				0				0	
5A	2	3		5				0				0	
7	1	1		2				0				0	
9		1		1				0				0	
10	6	4	6	16	1	1		2	1			1	
15B			7	7				0				0	
17A				0				0	1			1	
18B	1	2		3				0	4	2		6	
20A				0		1		1	1		3	4	
20B				0	2			2	3	2	3	8	
20C	2	3		5				0	2		4	6	
21	8	7		15	3	5		8	8	3		11	
22	14	5	3	22	1	2		3	4	2	9	15	1-F-Lion, 1 Coati Munda
23	3	3		6				0	4	4		8	1-F-LION
24A	7	8	11	26	4	3		7	5	1	5	11	1-M- Coati Munda
24B	5	3	5	13	3	2		5	3	3	1	7	1-M-Kit Fox
25M	4	2		6	1	1		2		1	6	7	3 Raccoon
26M	2	3		5				0	2	1		3	
27	1	1		2		2		2	1	1		2	
28	1		3	4				0	2	3		5	
30A	4	2		6				0				0	
30B	2	1		3				0			1	1	
32	2	1		3				0	1			1	
33			1	1	3	1	1	5	3	1	4	8	
35A				0				0	1			1	
36A	1	1	1	3				0			2	2	
37A	12	7	16	35	1	3		4	7	3		10	
37B	7	7	6	20	2	1		3	4	2	2	8	
39		3		3	1	1		2	5	2		7	
40A				0	3	2		5				0	
41	2	1		3				0				0	
42	5	1	1	7				0	2	1		3	
43A			1	1				0				0	
44A				0				0	4		1	5	
44B			6	6				0				0	
47M	9	3		12				0				0	
Navajo Res	1	1	21	23			1	1			2	2	
San Carlos	2			2				0				0	
AZ someplace	9	3	78	90				0	5	3	9	17	
TOTALS	125	95	168	388	25	25	2	52	74	35	54	163	

Past Years Harvest Totals

Hunt Year	% of Members Responding	Coyotes	Gray Fox	Bobcats	Lions	Misc. Predators
2003-04	NA	256	65	15	4	1-Black bear, 1-Kit fox,3-Badgers
2004-05	76%	278	55	20	1	1-Kit fox
2005-06	81%	212	76	13	6	2-Black bears
2006-07	76%	400	105	32	1	1-Black bear
2007-08	75%	406	71	33	2	1-Black bear,2-Coatimundi 10- Raccoons
2008-09	58%	455	73	31	2	1-Black bear,2-Kit fox,1-Raccoon
2009-10	88%	388	163	52	2	1-Kit fox,2-Coatimundi, 3-Raccoons

Weapons Used in Predator Harvest 2009/10

Weapon	Coyote	Bob	Fox	Misc.
Shotgun	125	19	91	1kit,3coon,1coati
223	124	16	25	1lion
22-250	36	2	3	
6-WOA	21	0	0	
17 Rem	18	2	6	
204 Ruger	14	0	0	
243 Win	10	1	8	1coati
30-30 Win	6	0	0	
22-243	5	0	0	
220 Swift	5	0	0	
17 HMR	3	4	6	
22 Mag	0	2	4	
22 K Hornet	3	0	0	
270 Win	2	0	0	
6 PPC	2	0	0	
308 Win	1	0	0	
30-06	0	0	1	
222 Rem	0	0	5	
257 WB	1	1	0	
45 APC	0	0	1	
Bow	1	0	0	
300?	0	0	0	1 lion
Unknown	11	5	13	

Arizona Game and Fish collects ocelot found dead near Globe

April 23, 2010

The Arizona Game and Fish Department yesterday collected a dead, intact carcass of a cat resembling an ocelot, a rare small to medium-sized cat that is listed as a federally endangered species. The animal reportedly was accidentally hit and killed by a motorist on Sunday, April 18 on Highway 60 between Superior and Globe. In cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Department is in the process of shipping the carcass to the Service's national forensics laboratory located in Ashland, Oregon, where it will undergo testing to determine if the cat is actually an ocelot of wild origin. "Currently, we have no reason to suspect that this is anything other than a wild, naturally occurring ocelot and genetic analysis should help with verification," said Eric Gardner, the Department nongame and endangered species program lead. "Although not legal to possess in Arizona under most circumstances, ocelots are actually fairly common in the pet trade and genetic testing may help us determine its origin or if this was a captive-raised animal." Coincidentally, The Sky Island Alliance, a Tucson-based non-governmental organization, last week announced that a volunteer citizen naturalist had retrieved an image of an ocelot from one of the Alliance's remote cameras placed in Cochise County. The image was dated November 7, 2009. Sky Island Alliance has not yet publicly released the photo. There have been only a handful of verified ocelot sightings backed up by specimens or photos in Arizona. The species has not been documented in Arizona since 1964 and historical records are very rare. Investigations of the occasional sightings reported since 1964 have often

Game & Fish collects ocelot continued:

determined that a bobcat had been misidentified as an ocelot, despite the significant difference in tail length between the two species. Ocelots are small to medium-sized spotted cats with a long tail. They tend to be smaller in the more northerly parts of their range than in the central or southern areas of occurrence. Their upper body coloring is highly variable ranging from grayish to cinnamon, or tawny to reddish brown, with dark markings forming chainlike streaks (generally forming black-bordered elongated spots that are more nearly stripes than spots) down the sides. Their present range is in the eastern and western lowlands of Mexico, from southern Mexico through Central America, and in the lowland areas of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil. On the fringes of their range, they occupy a very limited region in both the United States (a remnant population exists in southern Texas) and Argentina. The ocelot was listed in the U.S. as a federally endangered species in 1982.

Raffles

Arizona Predator Callers are raffling off a **12 ga Escort Over-Under shotgun and a Gamo pellet rifle**. Only 20 tickets left.

Tickets can be purchased at all monthly meetings. For more information on the raffle contact Mike Burris (his email address is located on the front page).

Please support the APC raffles. These raffles are the only major fund raisers for the club.



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Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

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

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

New Membership

Renewal

Amount Enclosed _____

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