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May 2013

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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

We will celebrate the end of another calling season at APC with our annual Awards Banquet at the May meeting, Thursday, May 9. For you fans of Waldo's BBQ ... they will cater again this year. Applause..

There is no scheduled speaker for this event and no agenda other than presenting the awards and enjoying the company of like-minded sportsmen. We will recognize the achievements and contributions of some APC members with Plaques, food, drink and song. Jerry is bringing the beer and will serenade the Honorees.

Saturday, May, 18, we will have a dandy campout/family picnic. There will be good food and organized shooting events for all of the kids, large and small, young and old.

Dennis Slade and Jeff Heinze are in charge of the affair and will answer any and all questions. See their contact information at the left of this page.

Complete information for the campout can be found on page 5 in this newsletter. Read it. Marvel and share it with your friends., they are welcome also. I hope to see everyone there.

Call 'em close.

Rich



Rich Higgins, in his camo netting, eyes a coyote that has come to the call.

Join us for our APC Awards presentations at the May 9, 2013 meeting. See who will receive the Amatuer, Novice, Expert and Mentor of the Year awards. Free dinner from Waldo's BBQ will be provided. Come help celebrate the close of another great season.

Coming Events

APC Awards Meeting.....May 9, 2013

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Membership Report

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Loren Vickers and Gary Thompson

We want to welcome the following new members to APC:

James Ringle from Queen Creek

The following members will be **expiring soon**, if not renewed:

May:

Jeremy Roberts

Recently expired. We'd love to have you back:

March: Ron Segal, Kurt Zoellner, Leanna Potter, Cliff Nordyke, Patti Wooldridge, Kirk Griffin, Bob Welch, Chuck Flewelling, Mike Baier, Travis Bradford and Jerry Lape

April: Michael Thurmond, Doug Pelit, Dan Howell and Mike Borge

Please renew your APC membership before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of "Predator Pride". The membership form is available on the last page of the newsletter.



May Meeting Program "Year End Awards"

APC will be hosting our annual Year End Awards ceremony and family Bar B Que dinner. Please plan on attending this event to honor those members who have demonstrated their talents as Youth Caller of the Year, Novice Caller of the Year, Caller of the Year, Mentor of the Year and Sportsman of the Year. Bring your appetite. Family members welcome.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa. 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 Rich Higgins, APC President, at 480-385-9772 or richaz1221@aol.com if you have any questions.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance
Beginning Balance 4-1-13....\$5,692.57

John Harry, refreshments.....(\$27.75)
Pinacle Peak Hdwr-rifle.....(\$283.62)
AZGF grant refund.....(\$653.40)
AZ Corp Commission.....(\$10.00)

Deposit - memberships.....\$700.00
AZGF grant.....\$2,954.00

4/30/13 end balance.....\$8,371.80

Petty Cash Beginning Balance...\$156.61
Call Sales.....\$0.00
Merchandise.....\$0.00
Dues Received.....\$0.00
Raffles Received.....\$639.00
Deposit to Checking.....(\$640.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....\$155.61

Total cash.....\$8,527.41

Total Inventory of Goods.....\$1,405.75

Total Assets.....\$9,933.16

APC Video Library

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

8/9/12 Michael Munroe.....Coyote Behavior
2/14/13 Dave Warren.....Crazy Like A Coyote
2/14/13 Dave Warren.....Eyes Front 3
1/10/13 Robert LaVole.....Fooling With Foxes
2/14/13 Dave Warren.....Nail Em AZ Style
9/13/12 Craig Barnett....Power Howling Coyotes
4/11/13 John Arterburn.....Texas Pred. Pursuit
4/11/13 John Arterburn.....Varmint Hunter NRA

Thanks *Jerry*

**Share the adventure.
Send your articles and photos to:
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Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well, everyone our season is over for the most part. The annual hunt results are in and the totals are down again. It seems that this economy has kept a lot of you home. 61% of our club did not harvest any predators this past year.

I would like to thank all of you who turned in your hunt records or responded to my phone calls or e-mails. A special thanks goes to my daughter, Lisa for helping me do the computer thing and total all this data. To those of you that didn't respond for what-ever reason, you were listed as zeros.

Our last meeting is on the 9th of May and it is our awards banquet, hope everyone can make it.

Hunt and Events Calender

APC Awards Meeting & BBQ.....May 9, 2013
 Summer Hiatus.....June and July 2013
 Next APC Meeting.....August 8, 2013

More to come.

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Club *hunting* events are in red type.

Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC General meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

Weapons Used in Predator Harvest 2012-2013

Weapon	Coyote	Fox	Bobcat	Misc.
Shotgun	32	25	2	
.17 Rem	3	0	0	
.22 Long Rifle	2	0	0	
.223	26	6	1	
.22-250	22	2	0	
.204 Ruger	3	0	0	
.22 Mag	2	0	0	
.222	7	0	0	
.243	6	2	0	
.260 Ackley	1	0	0	1-Blk Bear
.270 Win	1	0	0	
.260 Ackley	1	0	0	
6.5 Creedmore	0	1	0	
.44 Mag	0	0	0	1-Mt Lion

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty

Gert Zangen harvested this female mountain lion in Unit 33 last September. She weight in at around 70 pounds. Gert used his .44 Magnum to take this nice cat.



Arizona Predator Callers Annual Hunt Report For 2012-2013														
SPECIES=>	Coyote				Bobcat				Gray Fox				Misc.	
UNIT #	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL		
2C	1			1				0				0		
3A		1		1				0				0		
3B		2		2				0				0		
3C	8	2		10				0		1		1		
4B	4	2		6				0				0		
6B		1		1				0				0		
10	3	5		8				0				0		
13A			2	2				0				0		
13B	4	4		8		1		1				0		
15A	4	4		8				0				0		
16A				0				0		1		1		
17B	1			1				0				0		
18A	4	4		8				0				0		
21				0				0		1		1		
22			3	3				0	4	1	2	7		
23		1		1				0	2			2	1-M-Black Bear	
24A	2	1		3				0	1			1		
24B			1	1				0			6	6		
25M		1		1				0				0		
27	1			1				0	1			1		
30A		1		1				0				0		
30B	2	1		3				0		1		1		
32		1		1				0	1			1		
33				0		1		1				0	1-F- Lion	
37A	7	4		11				0		1		1		
37B	2	1	1	4	1			1			8	8		
39	1	1		2				0			1	1		
40B	1			1				0				0		
41	2	1		3				0				0		
42		1		1				0				0		
44A		1		1				0		1		1		
47M	2			2				0				0		
Navajo Reservation	3	2		5				0				0		
Somewhere in AZ	1	1	2	4				0	1	1	1	3		
TOTALS	53	43	9	105	1	2	0	3	10	8	18	36		

PAST YEARS TOTALS

Hunt Year	Members that Responded	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-Coati munda 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-Coati munda, 3-Raccoons
2010-11	71%	143	122	39	1	1-Black Bear 2-Kit Fox 2-Racoon 1-Badger
2011-12	80%	145	61	22	2	None Reported
2012-13	88%	105	36	3	1	1-Black bear

1st Annual APC Family Campout

May 17 and 18th is the date for our 1st Annual APC Family Campout. This fun, family event will be held near the Canyon Point campground on the Rim. Come up on Friday to spend the night or Saturday for the events and pot luck dinner. Stay Saturday night too if you want.

To get there, head out the Beeline Highway (87) towards Payson. In Payson, turn onto AZ 260 and head toward Heber. It is quite a ways past Woods Canyon Lake. Look for FR 237, also known as Larson Ridge Road. It is well signed- even from the highway. Just as you go under the power lines you turn left , maybe 100 yards past the easement. It is about 1/4 mile before you get to Canyon Point CG and about 1.75 miles west of Forest lakes.

Proceed on FR 237 north 3 miles to FR 172 and turn right. The campsite will be on the right side, about 100 yards or so down 172.. Watch for the APC signs.

Jeff and Dennis will cook burgers on Friday night, **May 17** and we want to do a pot luck on Saturday, **May 18** in the afternoon with the club supplying smoked pork. We need a little participation so we have some salads and sides.

Special Events Chairman

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The GPS coordinates for the campsite are: 34.3688908967, -110.844254864 .

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2013-14 Arizona Hunting Regulations are available online

April 27, 2013

Game and Fish now accepting paper applications for fall hunts; online application service to be available by early to mid-May. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the [2013-14 Arizona Hunting Regulations](#) online at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

Hunters can now start applying for a 2013 hunt permit-tag issued through the drawing process for deer, fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo, and pheasant. (The drawing process for elk and pronghorn antelope occurred earlier this year.)

At this point, [paper applications](#) can be submitted either by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Drawing Section, P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052, or hand-delivered to any Game and Fish [office](#). The online application service for this draw is expected to be available by early to mid-May. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 11, 2013 by 7 p.m. (MST).

For those mailing a paper application, keep in mind that applications must be received by the department by the deadline. Postmarks do not count. Those submitting a paper application are encouraged to apply early to take advantage of the "correction period." If your application has an error and is received before 5 p.m. on May 24, 2013, Game and Fish will make three attempts in a 24-hour period to notify you by phone (if a phone number is provided) and help correct the application. After that date, mistakes can cause your application to be rejected.

The printed 2013-14 Arizona Hunting Regulations booklets are anticipated to be available at department offices and at license dealers statewide around mid-May. Please note that one of the big changes in the regulations this year is that the trapping seasons, rules and regulations are not included in the Hunting Regulations booklet. The department will produce a separate Trapping Regulations pamphlet that will be available in the summer of 2013. The trapping seasons, rules and regulations will no longer be a part of the annual Arizona Hunting Regulations booklet.

For more information about Arizona's drawing processes, hunting season dates and more, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not receive any general fund (Arizona tax) dollars to operate. Wildlife conservation and management of the state's game animals, which also benefits many non-game species, is made possible through the direct sale of hunting and fishing licenses, big game tags, and matching funds from a federal excise tax on certain hunting and fishing equipment through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program ([WSFR](#)).

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Texas Wild Hogs

by Stan Schepers, APC Member

It all started about 5 years ago, when Sid told me about hog hunting in Texas and how he killed wild hogs with only a knife. I thought he was crazy, but his story was funny & interesting at the same time.

I hunted wild hogs before in northern Arizona and we used hand guns. I would have never tried to get close enough to stab a wild hog with a knife.

Sid and I have hunted together many times over the past years and we always talked about going to Texas hog hunting together but it just hadn't happen. Well last year when Sid went to Texas to hunt, he would text me a picture every time he harvest another pig, kind of rubbing it in my face. Anyway, during trapping season Sid tagged along checking traps with me and he talked me into planning a hog hunt this year. But I was still worried about this killing a hog with a knife. I told Sid my concerns and he just laugh at me and told me to bring what ever I want to use, so I brought my hand gun, riffle and a knife. We also invited a couple more buddies along, Tom Thornhill and Drew Carson.

So we loaded the truck and drove 14 hours to San Saba, Texas, where we met Tim and Shawn on the side of the road, 30 minutes later we were hog hunting. Approximately 1 hour goes buy when we here the dogs go off on a pig. We all start running toward them and, somehow, I got there first.

Tim ask me what do you want to do, shoot it or knife it? Without thinking, I said, knife it. Tim showed me were and I stabbed the pig in the heart. It bled out so fast, and just like that I had harvest my first wild hog with a knife. Together we harvest 17 hogs.

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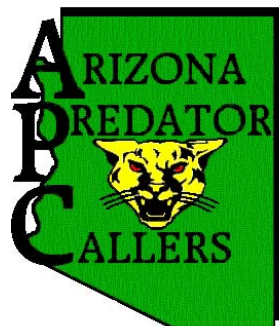


Stan Schepers, bad arm and all tells APC members how much fun it is hunting wild hogs in Texas.

Coyote Hunt Recommendations

Ron Day, Arizona Game and Fish, Wildlife Biologist, recomments hunting coyotes in Units 17A and 17B.

He also says NOT to bother hunting in Unit 10. The Game and Fish Department is doing arial shotgunning in Unit 10 and also extensive trapping.



April Meeting Highlights



APC President **Rich Higgins** lead a round robin discussion on many topics.



Dusty Mosier collected hunt reports from members attending the meeting.



Robert Hedrick won the Savage Axis bolt action .243 rifle at our April meeting.

The May meeting will have a Savage Axis bolt action .22-250 with scope for our rifle raffle prize.

John Arterburn of **Pinnacle Peak Ace Home Center** supplies our raffle firearms. See his ad on page 5.



Joe Porath shows a Michigan red fox.



Craig Gambos gets help in drawing the winning raffle ticket.

Leafy Camo Material

We have had questions on where to purchase the leafy camo material similar to what Rich Higgins uses for his cover while calling. Here are some websites and other information that you may be able to use in your search for that perfect cover.

Here's some links to some 3D camo material. Some are mesh with leafy attached, some fabric with leafy attached, some ponchos, and some just look alike fabric.

Synthetic leaves are permanently attached to a nylon webbed backing. Sheets measure 4' x 8'

http://www.amazon.com/Mojo-Outdoors-Leafy-Sheet/dp/B001BAEL8U/ref=sr_1_27?ie=UTF8&qid=1361719585&sr=8-27&keywords=leafy+camouflage

Military Camo Net

http://www.amazon.com/Camouflage-Netting-Individual-Retardant-Military/dp/B004LRHCKE/ref=pd_sim_sg_4

http://www.ebay.com/sch/sis.html?_nkw=REALTREE%20AP%203D%20LEAF%20CUT%2060%20WIDE%20CAMO%20FABRIC%20ROLL&_itemid=280567543236

http://www.ebay.com/itm/Jack-Pyke-CamoSystems-3-D-Digital-Leafy-Camo-Sand-Colour-Wildfowling-Hide-Net-/110748601498?pt=UK_SportingGoods_Hunting_ShootingSports_ET&hash=item19c9218c9a

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Poncho:

http://www.amazon.com/Ameristep-10114-3-D-Poncho/dp/B002TUTS3Y/ref=sr_1_8?s=sporting-goods&ie=UTF8&qid=1361734076&sr=1-8&keywords=camo+poncho

http://www.ebay.com/itm/CAMO-GHILLIE-SUIT-3D-LEAF-LEAFY-HUNTING-OR-PAINT-BALL-PONCHO-blind-cover-/120833771802?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item1c2241091a

Blind could be used for material:

http://www.ebay.com/itm/Ameristep-4-Pole-3-D-Leafy-Spur-Blind-Camo-New-Blinds-Accessories-Fishing-/400399949192?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item5d39b25d88

http://www.ebay.com/itm/SECLUSION-3D-LEAF-CUT-60-WIDE-CAMO-FABRIC-ROLL-MUSLIN-BACK-/300859686096?pt=US_Fabric&hash=item460ca27cd0

http://www.ebay.com/itm/MOSSY-OAK-BREAK-UP-3D-LEAF-CUT-PRINTED-BACK-58-WIDE-CAMO-FABRIC-ROLL-/300859686095?pt=US_Fabric&hash=item460ca27ccf

We would like to thank **Gary Thompson** for compiling this list.

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: _____ Hm Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____
email address: _____

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Signature: _____

Additional Family Members

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00 New Membership
Family Membership add \$5.00.....\$35.00
Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00 Renewal

Amount Enclosed _____

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