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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

May 8 is APC's annual Bar-B-Q Banquet catered by Waldo's Famous BBQ. Great food and great company. I hope everyone shows up.

Before dinner we will present the annual awards for service to the club and personal achievements. Come out and support our members.

This is the last meeting before our two month hiatus. Those members that wish to call coyotes during June and July should contact AZG&F and ask which GMUs have the most coyote predation problems in order to help increase fawn survival in those units.

My son Tyler and I are moving to New Mexico and May will be the last month that I serve the club as president. We will have a vote by show of hands after a nomination process at the beginning of the meeting. Please consider nominating yourself or



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

any member that you would like to represent APC.

Call 'em close,

Rich



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Coming Events

APC Meeting and Awards Banquet
.....May 8, 2014

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

We welcome New members:

Chip Hiding of Mesa and
Randy Pinson of Phoenix

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

John Arterburn

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

Ron Day, Susan Frabotta,
Robert Hedrick, Steve Jansen,
Bob Jeffery, Robert LaVoie,
Don Liona, RH McGilchristy,
James Petersen, Dave Pratt,
James Ringle, John Schwab,
Jerry Snodgrass,
Gary Thompson and
Loren Vickers

Expiring Soon:

Mark Saunders and Patti
Wooldridge

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 "Awards Banquet"

At this months meeting we will be having the annual Awards Banquet. The club will provide a fine meal from Waldo's BBQ of pork and chicken with all of the trimmings. Awards for top hunters in the Novice, Amateur and Expert catagories will be presented. Be sure to attend this one. Family members are welcome.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, May 8, 2014 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, 2 doors west of the Radio Shack.

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	
04-01-14.....	\$6,867.65
Check #1854...John Harry, refreshments(\$23.45)
E-payment...USPS for PO Box..	(\$56.00)
Deposit - memberships.....	\$490.00
04/30/14 end balance.....	\$7,278.20
Petty Cash Beginning Balance...	\$167.61
Call Sales.....	\$0.00
Merchandise.....	\$0.00
Dues Received.....	\$30.00
Raffles Received.....	\$340.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$460.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$77.61
Total cash.....	\$7,355.81
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$1,426.75
Total Assets.....	\$8,782.56

APC Video Library

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

3/13/14	John Anderson.....	Bullet Myths
3/13/14	Jerry Snodgrass.....	Coyote Behavior
3/13/14	Charlie Innacone...	Crazy Like A Coyote
3/13/14	Charlie Innacone.....	Operation Predator

Thanks *Jerry*



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Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well the results are in folks, and as a club we didn't do very well. To the 41% of you that turned in a hunt record, I say thank you. It's pretty pathetic when less than half of the members respond to a simple request.

To the 59% that I didn't hear from, I added your names to the unsuccessful list, bringing that total to 82% of the clubs members. Be what it may, our total number of kills are declining each year. The reasons are many, lack of time, lack of gas money, lack of predatory participation, or just plain lack of effort. See page 8 for more hunt totals.

You won't kill anything from your couch and nothing is dying unless lead is flying. So get out there and try. Better luck next year!

Like most of you, I don't hunt during the summer. When its hot, calling isn't much fun. Before I put my guns away for the season I always clean them thoroughly and touch up the paint, so it has all summer for the smell to dissipate.

This is also the time to repair or replace anything that needs it,

Hunt and Events Calender

APC Awards Banquet/Mtg.....May 8, 2014

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

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.

and maybe pick up something new. This is also the best time to work on that "honey do" list so you will have more time next fall.

Congratulations to all of the prize winners and I will see you at the meeting.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

Dusty

May Firearm Raffle

This months firearm will be a Savage Axis rifle in 22-250 caliber.

Buy your tickets at the meeting. 5 tickets for \$20.00 or \$5.00 each.

Weapons Used in 2013/14 Predator Harvest

Weapon	Coyote	Gray Fox	Bobcat	Mt. Lion
Shotgun	25	8	2	
.22-250	8	0	0	
.223	25	6	1	
.243	3	0	0	
.17 Rem	2	2	0	
.222	1	0	0	
6.5x284	1	0	0	
.45 ACP	1	0	0	
.270 Win	1	0	0	
6.5 Creedmore	0	0	0	1
Unknown Gun	4	0	0	



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Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

April 17, 2014

It's nearly time for the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle drawing. It's also the time when constituents ask the Arizona Game and Fish Department to explain what the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is and how it works.

The Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is a nonprofit entity that conducts a special raffle each year to raise money for wildlife conservation efforts. A volunteer board of directors made up of representatives from sponsoring organizations oversees the operation of the raffle.

Here's how it works. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission awarded one Special Big Game License Tag for each of 10 big game species-bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, antelope, buffalo, turkey, bear, javelina and mountain lion-to the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle for the purpose of being offered through the raffle.

People buy tickets for a chance to win one or more of the tags. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$25 each, depending on species. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets you can buy, and you can buy them by check or credit card, through the mail or online. Winners will be able to hunt for 365 days almost anywhere in the state of Arizona between August 15, 2014 and August 14, 2014.

According to the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle's website, the deadline for online orders is 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 29. Orders by mail must be received by Friday, June 27. For more information, visit www.arizonabiggamesuperraffle.com.

Every dollar raised for each species by the raffle is returned to the Arizona Game and Fish Department and managed by the Arizona Habitat Partnership Committee (AHPC) for that particular species. With input from local habitat partners across the state, as well as the input from the organizations involved with the fundraising, they collectively determine which projects will provide the most benefit to each species.

Remember, the deadline to buy raffle tickets online is Sunday, June 29. Raffle tickets ordered by mail must be RECEIVED no later than Friday, June 27.

2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations are online now

April 27, 2014

Game and Fish now accepting paper applications for 2014 fall hunts; online application service will be available in early to mid-May

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the 2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations online at www.azgfd.gov/draw. Hunters may now apply for a 2014 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 may be submitted 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 in early to mid-May.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 10, 2014 by 7 p.m. (MST). For those mailing a paper application, remember that applications must be RECEIVED by the department by the deadline. Postmarks do not count.

The printed 2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations booklets are anticipated to be available at department offices and at license dealers statewide in early May.

Please note that the trapping seasons, rules and regulations are no longer a part of the annual Arizona Hunting Regulations booklet. The department will produce a separate Trapping Regulations pamphlet that will be available in the summer of 2014.

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

APC Awards Presented

2002/03	Caller of the Year	Dusty Mosier
2003/04	Caller of the Year	Ned Burris
2004/05	Caller of the Year	Stan Shepers
2005/06	Caller of the Year	Ned Burris
2006/07	Caller of the Year	Dan Rooney
	Sportsman of the Year	John Cline and Stan Shepers
2007/08	Caller of the Year	James Tucker
	Amateur Caller of the Year	Kirt Zoelliner
	Expert Caller of the Year	Bill Baber
	Sportsman of the Year	Jeff Serdy
2008/09	Novice Caller of the Year	Levi Adamson
	Amateur Caller of the Year	Kirt Zoelliner
	Expert Caller of the Year	Scott Francom
	Sportsman of the Year	Rich Higgins
2009/10	Novice Caller of the Year	Christian Ensley
	Amateur Caller of the Year	Arnold Cason
	Expert Caller of the Year	Josh Ebert
	Sportsman of the Year	Mike Mosier
2010/11	Junior Caller of the Year	Tyler Bradford
	Expert Caller of the Year	Paul Melching
	Sportsman of the Year	Dusty Mosier
	Mentor of the Year	Mike Mosier
2011/12	Novice Caller of the Year	Dan Howell
	Amateur Caller of the Year	Jim O'Dell
	Expert Caller of the Year	Travis Bradford
	Sportsman of the Year	Jeff Hienze
2012/13	Novice Caller of the Year	Steve Miller
	Amateur Caller of the Year	Dan Howell
	Expert Caller of the Year	Jim O'Dell
	Sportsman of the Year	John Albin

Who will be the winners for the 2013/2014 season? Come to the annual Awards Banquet and BBQ May 8, 2014 and find out. If you turned in a hunt report, it could be you.

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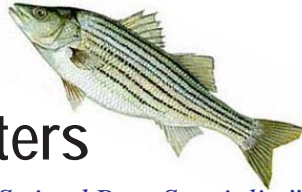


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April Meeting Highlights



The April meeting provided a great and entertaining presentation on Mountain Lion hunting presented by Steve Craig.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's new Fur Biologist, Cindy Howard was presented to the club. Cindy spoke on the controvertial reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolf.



Door Prize Raffle winners



Raffle ticket drawing winners



Ken Wadill won the CZ USA 612 shotgun at the April meeting.



Joe Porath, winner of the grand prize for the Save A Fawn Hunt explains the mistake that was printed in the last newsletter. He in fact **did not** kill a female coyote with 6 pups inside. He merely proposed the question if it would count as seven if that happened. Funny how misunderstandings happen when alcohol is involved.

Notes From The Lion King

The April 2014 APC meeting speaker was **Steve Craig**, also known as the Lion King. Steve has taken 109 mountain lions in the past 11 years. He averages 17 to 20 lions per year now. Here are some notes taken during his presentation.

All predators use land features in their travels. Look for largest ridge, or the Hog Back in the system that goes all the way to the top, like a drainage system, look for where 2 or 3 ridges come together. Get to the saddle (via road if possible).

Look for scratches at the saddle in front of bushes. This will tell you if there are lions in the area. Scratch marks are usually 12 inches long in front of the bush. The lions spray the bush or low hanging juniper.

Outstanding loan land features are an attraction to predators. Hunt these, saddles and the bottom where the drainages meet. Use Google Earth to view prospective areas.

Set your electronic caller speaker at least 150 yards away. Set where you can see every approach to the call. Watch for birds. They will dive bomb lions. Once a lion gets a line of sight on the call, he will quite often set down and not move. Continuously call at the loudest volume. Start with crows and go through all kinds of calls. Even moose works. Call a minimum of 1 hour. Throw every sound at them.

Some great places to start are:

Hunt the Southern Bradshaw mountains from Sunset Point on I-17. At about 5,000 feet elevation before Stoneman Lake road, lions cross I-17.

Hunt Cherry Road and the nearby ridge saddles.

Hunt near Roosevelt lake.

Hunt near the Rim.

Hunt near the Village of Oak Creek.

Hunt the big washes and ridges near Canyon Lake .



**Johnny Burris
with a fine
lion.**

Arizona Predator Callers Annual Hunt Report for 2013 - 2014

SPECIES=>	Coyote				Bobcat				Gray Fox				Misc.
UNIT #	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	M	F	Unk	TOTAL	
4A	4	3	1	8				0				0	
4B	1			1				0				0	
9	1			1				0				0	
10	2	2		4				0				0	
18A	3	3		6				0				0	
19B	2			2				0				0	
22	1			1				0				0	
23	1	1		2				0				0	
24A	2	2		4				0	3	5		8	
24B	1			1				0	1	1		2	
25M	1			1				0				0	
26M	2	1		3				0				0	
30B		2		2		1		1	1			1	1, F- Lion
37A	1	1		2				0				0	
37B		2		2				0	1	2		3	
40A	5	2	1	8			1	1				0	
40B	2	1	1	4				0				0	
42	1	3		4				0				0	
45A	1			1				0				0	
Navajo Res.	6	7		13				0				0	
? in AZ	1			1		1		1		2		2	
TOTALS	38	30	3	71	0	2	1	3	6	10	0	16	1, F-Lion

Past Hunt Year Totals

Hunt Year	% Members 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 munda10- 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 Bear2-Kit Fox2-Raccoon1-Badger
2011-12	80%	145	61	22	2	None Reported
2012-13	88%	105	36	3	1	1-Black bear
2013-14	41%	71	16	3	1	None Reported

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

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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

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

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

New Membership

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