

# PREDATOR'S PRIDE



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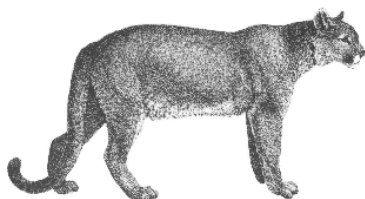
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### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*by Mike Burris, President*

Well our first Novice Hunt was a success and I sure did have a good time. I was able to hunt in the same area that I had a deer tag for. I was paired up with a father and son who had recently joined our club so they could learn how to call.

Russ Runyan, his son Troy and I started our morning at 4:30 a.m. and drove up to Mayer to go into the Prescott Forest. On our first stand we called in two coyotes that ran back and forth and then ran off, safe from the new hunters. After we ended the stand and talked it over, Troy said he was looking at another coyote but he had a shotgun and it was too far away. That had made three coyotes on the first stand that had come into a cut Primos howler with a regulator 14 that is real raspy and loud. We did a few more stands and called in two fox and we got one of those. By 11:30 a.m. it was getting hot and we weren't having any luck so we headed back into town. Saturday night over at Scott's there was quite a few teams and Ned gave a skinning demonstration for those who wanted to watch. Thanks to everyone that took part in the hunt and made it a success. I want to extend a special thank you to Scott and Nicole Breseman for opening up their home to all of us and putting on a good size spread of food and drinks.

I would like to take a little time to let everyone know that after this year I will be stepping down as the President of APC. Six years has really gone by fast, but now it's time for some new blood and ideas to come in and help guide the

club. I've enjoyed my time as the President and will be staying on board to help in any way that I can. With my helicopter school getting into full gear and work being what it is my time is very limited so I feel this is best for the club.

When I took over from Phil six years ago I asked him what all was involved in being the President. He told me at that time that I could get as involved as I wanted to because there was more than enough to keep me busy, so that is just exactly what I did.

I want to thank everyone in the club for helping me make our club the success that it is today. I could list all of the names but it would end up looking like the club roster. I also want to give a special thanks to all who were on the Board of Directors with me that made my job just that much more enjoyable.

There is still another Novice Hunt coming up so get signed up for our November hunt. That way Dusty and Stan can pair you up as a team and we can get a head count for food. These hunts can really shorten your learning curve and at the check-in you can pick up some tips that will also help you on your future hunts. There is always an abundance of stories at the end of the day, so come by and take part and remember it's your club too.

As always I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

*Mike*



**COMING EVENTS**

November General Meeting . . . 13 Nov '03  
*Skinning, Fleshing & Stretching*  
 November Board Meeting . . . . 24 Nov '03  
 Novice Hunt No 2 . . . . . 15 Nov '03  
 World Championships . . . 5, 6 & 7 Dec '03

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

**H**owdy all APC members,  
 Last month I went to Fairbanks, Alaska for five days. It was nothing like I expected it to be. Fairbanks is 150 miles from the Arctic Circle, and near the center of the state. I thought it would be very cold, steep mountains and snow, just like you see on tv. Well Fairbanks has rolling hills, and a lot of soft wood trees, with some pines mixed in. Temperatures were 45-55 degrees, very mild for that time of year. The locals in Fairbanks hunt moose, and caribou when they migrate through. I also saw a lot of beaver activity on the Chena River, which flows through Fairbanks. A stop in Anchorage did have the high mountains and snow, just like most pictures of Alaska do.

It's about time that the Phoenix area is starting to cool down, now it feels almost right to be out hunting. This year I hope to shoot my first coyote. The last two years I have had many close encounters, but they always seem to avoid that fatal attraction. I normally hunt south of phoenix, toward Tucson, and this area has been hit hard due to the lack of rain. But I have a few places that look promising.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have our second novice hunt. Look in this newsletter, or attend the meeting for details.

As our season gets under way, remember to stop by and support the businesses that support our club. Till next month, have fun and be safe.

*Dan*



**TREASURERS REPORT**

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from October 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003.

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....	<b>\$6,381.67</b>
Check #1331 Mike Burris - Postage Cartridge(28.84)	
Check #1332 Scott Breseman - Novice hunt food(50.00)	
Check #1333 Scott Breseman - Raffle .....	(69.48)
Check #1334 Mike Burris - Soda.....	(22.91)
Check #1335 AWF Dues - 4 Members.....	(26.00)
Deposit 10/1 (Dues & WCCC & cash)...	330.00
Deposit 10/14 (WCCC & cash) .....	1,332.00
<b>Ending Balance 10/31/03</b> .....	<b>\$7,846.64</b>

**PETTY CASH**

<b>Petty Cash Beginning Balance</b> .....	<b>60.63</b>
<b>Call Sales &amp; Raffles</b> .....	<b>103.00</b>
<b>Dues</b> .....	<b>65.00</b>
<b>Deposits to Checking</b> .....	<b>(190.00)</b>
<b>Petty Cash Ending Balance</b> .....	<b>38.63</b>
<b>Total Cash 10/31/03</b> .....	<b>\$7,885.27</b>

**INVENTORY**

Crit'r Call Magnum .....	3 ..@.....	\$10.00
Crit'r Call Standard .....	26 ..@.....	\$9.00
Crit'r Call PeeWee.....	23 ..@.....	\$9.00
Crit'r Call Reeds.....	20 ..@.....	\$1.50
Crit'r Call Song Dog .....	5 ..@.....	\$18.00
Tally-Ho.....	65 ..@.....	\$8.00
Tally-Ho Reeds .....	140 ..@.....	\$1.50
Tally-Ho Inserts .....	261 ..@.....	\$0.25
T-Shirts .....	24 ..@.....	\$12.00
APC Caps .....	0 ..@.....	\$15.00
WCCC Caps .....	49 ..@.....	\$20.00
Decals .....	900 ..@.....	\$1.00
<b>Total Inventory</b> .....		<b>\$3,554.25</b>
<b>Total Assets</b> .....		<b>\$11,439.52</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b> .....		<b>(\$0.00)</b>
<b>Net Worth</b> .....		<b>\$11,439.52</b>


**APC VIDEO LIBRARY**

The following individuals have videos checked out:

9/11/03...Van Hallman .....	Monster Bucks II
10/9/03...Russ Runyan .....	How to Hunt Elk
10/9/03...Russ Runyan .....	The Predators
9/11/03...Peter Goula .....	Power Howling Coyotes
4/10/03...Clyde .....	Turkeys - Antley
4/10/03...Clyde .....	Turkeys - Fears
9/11/03...Dan Solow.....	Callers of the Wild
9/11/03...Ed Volk .....	Calling All Coyotes

*Jerry*

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

**Membership Renewals:**

- Robert Barraza
- John & Susan Frabotta
- Pete Goula

**New Club Members:**

- Jeff Heinze ..... 10/1/03

**These Members Have Expired:**

- Ned Burris..... 11/1/03
- Larry Eichman ..... 11/1/03
- Phil Hiddessen ..... 11/1/03
- Andy Musacchio..... 11/1/03
- Joe Ortiz..... 11/1/03
- Dan Solow ..... 11/1/03

**These Members Will Expire Soon:**

- Dan Broome..... 12/1/03
- Dan Hoffman ..... 12/1/03
- Fred Johnson..... 12/1/03
- Jay Nistetter ..... 12/1/03
- Larry Scribner..... 12/1/03
- Dave Warren ..... 12/1/03
- Matthew Woodall..... 12/1/03

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 (480) 654-1411 or you can e-mail me at [membership@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com) anytime.

*Debbie*

**THE HUNT REPORT**

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

**H**ello Everyone,

Well, here it is November already and our season is well underway. Last month we had our first novice hunt of the year. There were five animals taken and fortunately one was taken by a novice team. Ned Burris killed the other four and skinned a bobcat during the check-in, giving a demonstration, for anyone interested. The check-in was at Scott Breseman's house, there was plenty of cold drinks, good food, and great stories to go around. Thank you Scott and Nicole for the use of your house and patio, what a great place for a party. Our next novice hunt is on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we have several new members signed up and may need a few experienced hunters to take them out. Even if you aren't involved with the novice hunt and go hunting, please stop by the check-in to

share your stories. I will let you know when and where the check-in is at the meeting.

I would like to remind everyone to keep track of his or her successes on the hunt record forms. These records go for caller of the year points and help our club keep track of the number of predators we are removing. Remember these predators are your competitors for big game tags.

The World Championship is coming up fast (Dec. 5, 6, & 7). We still may need people to help run the contest, as we are the host again this year. Whether you participate in the hunt or volunteer to help out, you will have a great time. There are several more hunts coming up after the first of the year that I encourage everyone to go on. I will let you know the dates and places as soon as I can.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

## Dusty

### PROGRAM REPORT

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

This month's meeting is going to be one you won't want to miss. We have scheduled longtime APC member Jeff Serdy, to give us a demonstration on skinning, fleshing and stretching of those valuable predator skins. Many of our members have asked in the past how they should prepare the skin of the predators they've harvested, this is where you can find out. Jeff is very talented in this area and will make it look easy. Jeff will also have some real good pointers for all of you beginners and experienced callers alike.

As always there will be refreshments and raffles, so come on out and spend an evening learning from an expert.

Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

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### SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES

- Re-printed from the AG&F Wildlife News

#### Annie Oakley is Best of Phoenix

PHOENIX – The Annie Oakley Sure Shot Program at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility hit the bull's eye for women.

This increasingly popular shooting program held every Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. has been named a "Best of Phoenix" event by the Phoenix New Times.

The Sure Shot program has a simple approach: instruction and mentoring for women, by women. It's free.

"No knowledge or possession of firearms is necessary, and you can progress at whatever pace is most comfortable for you. Whether you're an experienced shooter or have never held a gun in your life, this is the place to go if you want to learn more or just practice in a testosterone-light zone," says the write-up in Phoenix New Times.

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility is operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Ear and eye protection is available, along with an introductory amount of free ammunition. Even if you don't have access to a firearm, loaners are available so you can participate in the Sure Shot Program.

Call (623) 582-8313 for more information. The shooting facility is located on Carefree Highway slightly west of Interstate 17.

### APC CLASSIFIEDS

Individual classified ads are listed free in the Varmints Voice to all APC members. For commercial ads, please contact the newsletter editor.

**For Sale:** Remington model 870 12ga Wingmaster, mod-vent rib, painted camo, \$175.00 - Remington model 66, 22cal semi- auto, black diamond, with a little 4x scope on it. - \$125.00 contact Dan at (480) 883-7148

**For Sale:** Mossberg 835 Ulti-Mag pump shotgun, 12 gauge, 3 1/2" chamber, 28" barrel, includes 4 choke tubes (IC, Mod, Full and steel XFull tubes), Shadowgrass camo design. \$325.00. Call Ned Burris (480) 357-5505

**For Sale:** 23 cubic foot upright freezer for sale. \$75 obo.

**Wanted:** Sewing machine. Call John Frabotta @ 480-699-8081.

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# Upcoming Mesa Hunter Education Class Announcement

November 4, 2003

Arizona Predator Callers (APC),

Press release for January 2004 Hunter Education Class in Mesa, AZ



Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting January 6, 2003 and continuing through February 5. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, January 24 at the Rio Salado Sportsman Club on Usery Pass Road. In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session (January 6) from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the Combo Class is required and can be done by calling (480) 834-1791 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of students in your group for the Combo class. Total cost for either class is \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or Hunt ID number to registration. Maximum basic class size is 250 persons and 25 persons for the Combo class. These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This class is required for all persons 10 - 14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point. For further information contact Mike at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>

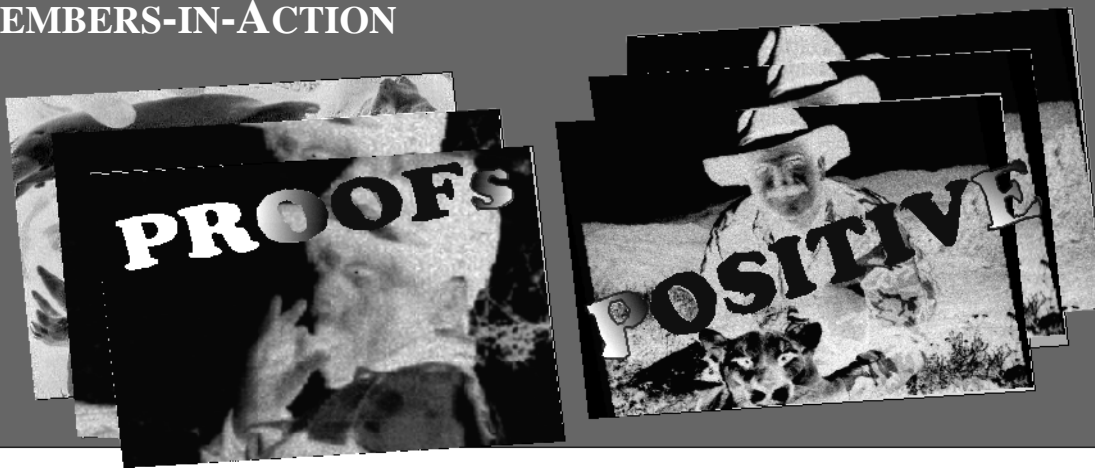
Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Zaccardi  
Mesa Hunter Education Instructor Association (Chief Instructor)

*Safety, Responsibility, Ethics*

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## APC MEMBERS-IN-ACTION



This photo was submitted by member Jim Schmidt, who along with his hunt partner Duncan Davis took these 25 coyotes during an 18 hour hunt in Nevada, on October 11 & 12, 2003.