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FROM THE V.P.

by Dan Solow, APC Vice President

Howdy all APC members,

First I would like to thank our guest speaker for the September general meeting, APC member Mike Kannapel. Mike presented an excellent presentation on deer hunting in Arizona. Mike gave you all the information needed to get you to your hunting area, what equipment is needed, and what to do after you have gotten your animal, *great job* Mike.

This month I would like to talk about two important things. We have three local gun shops that support our club and its' activities. First is member Jeff Serdy, his shop *AJ Imports*, is located in Apache Junction. Jeff has a wide selection of new and used firearms, along with some outdoor equipment. I would consider Jeff an expert varmint caller and he is willing to share his knowledge with you.

Next is *Mesa Gun Shop*, located on Broadway Road, between Gilbert Road and Stapley. Scott and Walt Wesch operate and own it. There you can find a wide selection of new and used firearms, as well as some reloading equipment.

Next up is the *Pistol Parlour*, they are located on Southern, just west of Country Club, they also have a fine selection of new and used firearms, as well a wide selection of reloading equipment.

I have found the prices to be very reasonable, and fair at these businesses. I would again remind you that these businesses support our club, as well as other hunters, shooters, and firearms owners. So I say stop by, and support the people

that support us.

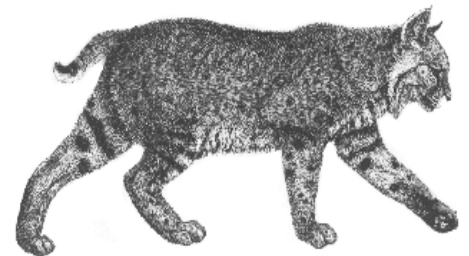
The next group that could use all of our support, is the *NRA*. Very few shooters, hunters and gun owners belong to the *NRA*, yet this is the leading force watching out for our rights to own and use firearms. We are very lucky indeed to live in a state that has gun owner friendly firearms laws, some states have made it very difficult to own and use firearms. For as little as 10 cents a day, you can support the *NRA* and help stop bad laws from becoming law. The *NRA* is willing to fight for our rights, so why not support them. By the way, who else is fighting for your right to bear arms?

Hope you folks stayed with me, we must continue to support the people and groups that support us.

Now that the weather is cooling down just a bit, maybe we are headed to fall. I don't really know what that means in Arizona, but I think it means things we'll finally cool off?

I hope to see you at our next meeting, until next month, be safe out there.

Dan



COMING EVENTS

October General Meeting 9 Oct '03
 Arizona Fur Bearers by AG&F
 October Board Meeting 27 Oct '03
 Novice Hunt No 1 11 Oct '03
 Novice Hunt No 2 15 Nov '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.

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from September 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$6,303.08
 Check #1327 Tally Ho - new calls & reeds. (167.50)
 Check #1328 Crit'r Call - new calls (191.74)
 Check #1329 Scott Breseman - Raffle (19.67)
 Check #1330 AWF Dues (1 member) (6.50)
 Deposit 9/13 (Dues & WCCC & cash)...464.00
 Ending Balance 9/30/03 \$6,381.67

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance 59.88
 Call Sales & Raffles 149.75
 Deposits to Checking (149.00)
 Petty Cash Ending Balance 60.63
 Total Cash 8/31/03 \$6,442.30

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum3 ..@..... \$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard26 ..@..... \$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee.....24 ..@..... \$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds.....20 ..@..... \$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog5 ..@..... \$18.00
 Tally-Ho.....65 ..@..... \$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds140 ..@..... \$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts261 ..@..... \$0.25
 T-Shirts25 ..@..... \$12.00
 APC Caps0 ..@..... \$15.00
 WCCC Caps49 ..@..... \$20.00
 Decals900 ..@..... \$1.00
 Total Inventory \$3,575.25
 Total Assets \$10,017.55
 Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)
 Net Worth \$10,017.55

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

9/11/03.. Van Hallman..... Monster Bucks II
 9/11/03.. Russ Runyan..... Mountain Man Hunts
 9/11/03.. Peter Goula..... Power Howling Coyotes
 9/11/03.. Russ Runyan .. Truth #1-Predator Hunter
 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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

Membership Renewals:

Bill Rice
 Jose Valencia

New Club Members:

David DeRoia9/1/03
 Tim O'Grady9/1/03

These Members Have Expired:

Susan Frabotta10/1/03
 Bambi Goff10/1/03
 Michael Mares10/1/03
 Stephen Mares.....10/1/03
 John Schwartzlow10/1/03

These Members Will Expire Soon:

Ned Burris.....11/1/03
 Larry Eichman11/1/03
 Pete Goula.....11/1/03
 Phil Hiddessen11/1/03
 Andy Musacchio11/1/03
 Joe Ortiz.....11/1/03
 Dan Solow11/1/03

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 anytime.

Debbie

THE HUNT REPORT

by Stan Schepers, Hunts Co-Chair

Hello Everyone,

The first APC Novice Hunt for this season will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2003. We still need experienced hunters to help out by taking the novice hunters out and showing them what to do. We have several novices currently signed up rarin' to go! Check-in will be at Scott Breseman's house, between the hours of 7-9pm, maps will be available at the meeting on Thursday, October 9th. Food and drink will be provided as well as skinning facilities, so make sure to bring in your take for the day so that their pelts can be harvested.

By now, most of you know that I was fortunate enough to draw an Arizona archery bull elk tag this year. Not having much time to scout, I'm sitting here about 5:30am, opening morning in a tree stand on the side of a mountain where four trails come together. It's just start-

ing to get light, I'm feeling really good about this spot I picked, bull elk are bugling & cow elk are chirping all around me, there's a lot of activity.

An hour or so goes by, things are starting to quiet down. I keep checking the wind, wanting to get down and go after the elk, but the wind keeps changing every few minutes. I decide to stay put a while longer. . . 30 to 40 minutes go by when out of nowhere, two cow elk step out, then three more, then two more. . . I lost count. Then a couple of spike bulls, then a rag-horn, they just kept coming and kept getting bigger. A nice 5x5 stepped out, I drew my bow back and just when I was putting a bead on him, a larger bull steps out, then another, and another. I'm ready to shoot again when I hear tree thrashing, then the biggest bull I've ever seen starts to show his head. He continues to walk into the clearing and as he does he whips his head, moving the other elk around letting everybody who's the boss. He has spun around and has his rear towards me, finally he starts to turn around and heads back the way he came in, takes a small step and acts like he is going to leave. By this time my arms are about to fall off as I've been holding my bow at full draw this whole time. I draw a bead on his shoulder, but just as I release the arrow he turns back and my arrow went right by his side, hitting where he was, landing the dirt in front of him. He jumps and runs into the trees, I cow call, but no response.

I'm sitting there, mentally kicking myself, I passed on a lot of good shots and blew the best shot of my life. A few minutes go by when a hunter steps out out of the woods and almost steps on my arrow stuck in the ground. . . he doesn't see it, he looks right at me and doesn't see me either. I wait a few minutes and decide to get down from the treestand and go back down the mountain, work my way back up and see if I can't locate the elk again. Spent the whole day looking but was unable to locate them.

Day 2 - 4:00am - Head back to the same spot, no elk, no bugling, no fresh sign, lots of hunters. I decide that for the afternoon hunt, I'll go to a small meadow and water hole in the back of a canyon where I had taken an elk three years before and where there usually aren't too many other hunters.

So I'm sitting in the tree stand at

4:00pm, writing all this down, still kicking myself over the shots I passed up and the shot I blew the day before, about how lucky I am, how I got here today, because it hasn't been that long ago that I had never hunted before or even owned a gun or bow.

My brother-in-law, Richard Wilden, had been trying for several years to get me to put in for a deer hunt with him. We'd camped, hiked and fished together many times over the years, but I had never hunted before. We finally put in and got drawn, and he went with me to buy my first rifle and my first bow in 1998. My wife didn't know what to think of this, and little did I know how addicting this "hunting" thing was. We went hunting the first weekend and were unsuccessful, and for some reason Richard couldn't go the second weekend, so I went by myself. I went down in a canyon and stumbled into a lion kill with the lion still there! I got my first lion and was *hooked!*

Looking back now, Richard has given me a lot of lip about how serious I've become about hunting. He also told me that he always knew that I would enjoy hunting.

Over the years, we've been on many a hunt, from dove to elk, so when my sister called earlier this summer and told me that Richard had terminal cancer, I had a hard time believing her. I truly thought something was wrong and that the doctors had made a mistake. I had just seen him two weeks earlier, he had drawn a cow elk tag and we spent time making plans and talking strategies, he seemed just fine. After visiting with Richard and checking with the doctors, I learned that the symptoms had started with his arm suddenly becoming paralyzed, then two days later his legs. The type of cancer he has is very aggressive and with 11 tumors on his brain he doesn't have much time left. So that is why I'm feeling so lucky right now, and my emotions are going in all directions, knowing that Richard will never hunt again, one of the things he truly enjoyed and was passionate about along with his wife and kids.

Looking back I've come to realize that bagging an animal isn't always what makes the hunt memorable. It's the time spent with friends and family on during the hunt that make it truly a great memory.

Remember that time spent in the out-

doors with friends and family, whether bagging an animal or not are the things that will make the memories that last a lifetime, so enjoy each and every trip, because you never know when it will be your last

Richard, thank you and GOD bless you.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to kill!

Stan

PROGRAM REPORT

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

I was lucky enough to be drawn for cow elk in Unit 6A south. I've just returned from a scouting trip and saw several elk in the area. This unit is known for a good concentration of elk. It's the rut period now and during our hunt and we did hear elk bugles all night from three different directions. Most of our scouting took place in the early morning hours. Daylight hikes revealed recent trails and bedding areas. Overall it was a very exciting trip, we hope our hunt is equally exciting. We also heard a pack of coyotes at about 2:30am and filed for future reference.

A *huge* thank you to Mike Kanappel for his information about deer hunting in AZ. Mike did an excellent presentation and shared his years of hunting and guiding information. Each person attending learned something new. *Thanks again Mike.*

This month's guest speaker is Mark Zhorne, fur bearer manager for the *Arizona Game & Fish Department*. Mark is an experienced trapper and predator caller from the northwest US. Mark was recently hired by the department for this position and is new to Arizona. Mark will share with us the department's policy on fur bearers and predator management. Mark will also share some of his tips and techniques for predator calling. Finally, Mark will talk about some proposed research projects he may be starting and the sportsmen's role in predator management.

Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

Breeze

TINKERING WITH THE TALLY-HO

by Leonard Colpits, Member

Editors Note: This is a re-print of an article that was published in the September '97 issue of the Trapper and Predator Caller. It was valuable then and bears reprinting even today.

Tinkering with the Tally Ho:

156 coyotes, a couple bobcats, and 30-some fox ago (1989) I first started using the Tally-Ho mouth call. Because it's so finicky I'm going to share with you some tips on how I get it to work for me. For those of you who don't know, the Tally-Ho is an open reed call - the reed being a .020 inch or so thick piece of plastic. It looks like a much narrower and upside down clarinet mouthpiece.

Assembling the Reed into the Body:

Make sure the reed is new and straight/flat. You can tell if it's been used before if the non-tapered flat end is slightly curved up or down. There's a shiny and a dull side of the reed - pick the one you like to be up (I always choose the dull side). Putting the right amount of compression on the reed is important to making this call work. With the rubber out, set the reed into the body as far as it will go. Now with the thumb of one hand push on the tapered tip of the reed forcing the reed into the body until it bows upward slightly. Now with the other hand slide the rubber halfway into the body WHILE THE REED IS IN COMPRESSION. Now center the reed left or right in the call. Hold the call sideways and you will see the flat end (not the tapered end) of the reed is curved upward due to the stress induced (see the 2nd sentence of this paragraph again). Now for the important step: looking sideways still, look at the distance the tapered reed tip is above the body -- it should be about 1/16 inch, any more and you can't get the high-end sounds, any less and it won't work at all. If your reed is out of spec, then either turn it over or try another one. It's not uncommon for me to buy 10 new reeds before I find the exact one that meets my 1/16 inch spec. The good news is that I can probably make two other Tally-Ho bodies work with the remaining 9 reeds. It seems there are great variances in the bodies and reeds and trial-&-error is the only way I know to get a good body/reed match. But once you get the match

- look out cause you now have a call that has infinite notes from low to high, that requires much less air to blow than any other call on the market

Reliable Use of your Call:

The Tally-Ho is as fragile as it is finicky. It's real easy to accidentally knock the reed completely out of the body on the ground during the stand setup -- just try and find a black reed on the desert floor! Before every stand, just before I load my weapon, I disassemble the call completely and use the edge of the reed to scrape away the white residue (from saliva) that accumulates just ahead of the rubber between the reed and body. What doesn't flake off can be wiped off with a licked finger. Now assemble as above and you're in business. Keep the call in a safe place when not in use. The slightest amount of over heating (on the dash and in the wash machine is a no-no) it fries the reed. I recommend a piece of plastic tubing over the reed/body to keep it safe and all together.

Calling with the Tally Ho:

Two guys calling with the same or Tally-Ho's can alternate stands and NEVER sound like each other -- unlike the closed -reed calls (like the Circe/Lohman and others). I find that the critters respond better when I can pass some air between the too of the reed and my top lip while calling. This gives a raspiness that seems to add authenticity. You will endure much top lip tickling before you master it though. The high notes you can achieve with the Tally-Ho are octaves above those of other calls -- great for cottontail, bird, and rodent squeals.

I'll close by saying that my 14-year-old son, Kenneth, out-calls me regularly with the Critter Call. Now here's a very rugged open reed call that isn't finicky at all. It does require much more than the Tally-Ho and two guys with Critter Calls would tend to sound similar but not to the extent that the closed-reed calls would. The amount of air required becomes a factor on bear and cat stands of 45 minutes to an hour -- it would be hard to shoot steady alter blowing a Critter Call for 45 minutes. If your lungs are in decent shape, you may make the shot with the Tally-Ho.

Be advised that all of the above is what works for me -- and it's a place to start for you. My methods differ from

what the directions with the call show and differs from demos I've seen from others (including the Tally-Ho inventor!). Don't get discouraged. I tell novices interested in the Tally-Ho "cuss at it until you swear by it."

ALBERTA WOLF HUNT

by Don Jamroz, Member

Editors Note: Don Jamroz is one of our out of state members, living in Southern California. Don is also the Hunt Chairman for the Predator Callers of Orange County.

About a year ago, John Hunter, my regular predator-hunting partner, had the 'Hots' to go wolf hunting. He lined up a guide in Alberta, Canada and asked me to go along. Of course I said yes. After a lot of email, phone calls, reservations, we were all set to go over the New Year's holiday for a 6-day hunt. There is no hunting on Sunday in Alberta.

John lined up a guide located about a 3-hour drive west of Edmonton. The

and they were frozen solid by lunchtime. Here is something interesting: The sun shown in my eyes all day. The sun rose at a compass reading of 105 degrees and set at 182 and didn't rise very far about the horizon.

The first morning there was 3" of fresh snow on the ground and a great deal of wolf and coyote sign around the bait (it's legal to bait in Alberta). When we were having breakfast at o-dark-thirty on the first morning, the temperature on the thermometer outside the kitchen was 5 degrees. At noon the temperature got up to 10 degrees (it did get a little warmer later in the week). After a great deal of time to dress in out layered clothing, we were off to our first of two blinds. Earlier John and I flipped a coin to see who would take the first blind. When we arrived at our first blind, we were not ready for what happened: When we arrived we could see some animals fairly near the bait. John had to scramble to get his rifle and ammo, both of which were packed away in the gun case and backpack. One wolf waited for what seemed to be the longest time, but



Don Jamroz (the one with the fuzzy hat) and his Alberta wolf.

guide provided rooms in his home and his wife did the cooking. Both were included in the price of the hunt. As it turned out, this was the only way it would work since the very small restaurant in town was closed when we left in the morning and returned in the evening from the bush. Luckily, they were nice people and she was a fine cook. Daily, the guide and his wife would bring our lunches to us in the bush. The first day we took our sack lunches in the morning

they would only hold so long. By the time John was ready to shoot, the animals were hightailing it out of there. John did get off a couple of long running shots to no avail. As it turned out there were 4 wolves and 2 coyotes in the area and they all put it in high gear at the first shot.

Later, I was dropped off at the second blind that was about 3 miles away from the first. I changed the blind location to

line up some better shooting lanes, and I'm glad I did. About one hour after legal shooting time, I saw a wolf come out the bush and he attempted to cross a two-track. When he went down into a small swale, I had a chance to readjust my shooting sticks. He came out about 170 yards away looked to his left and right and choose to turn left away from me. I started lip squeaking and he continued to walk away. He walked about 20 yards during my squeaking and I decide to give him a bark. When I did, he locked up sideways at 192 yards and I pulled the trigger. He went down for just a second and then slowly started to walk back into the bush. I anchored him a second time with my 7mm Remington Magnum using 140-grain Winchester Ballistic Tip bullet. This was my old Remington model 700 with an older Leupold 3x9 scope. Standing over shooting sticks and nailing a wolf at 192 yards (with a rangefinder) takes some ability and a whole lot of luck. Most of us in the our predator hunting club use the Stoney Point Versatile Hunter shooting sticks which work very well. I'd like to tell you that it was a very large wolf, but it wasn't. One could easily feel every rib that he had and even though it was very cold, his fur was in poor shape. This animal was not well fed.

Unfortunately, those animals seen in the first hour of the first day were the only animals that we saw in 6 days of hunting. One of those 6 days, we made stands the entire day. John was very disappointed as he should have been in not getting an animal. In closing, I'll say this is not my favorite way to hunt. Sitting in a blind all day is not my idea of fun, especially when there is no activity. If I were to go wolf hunting again, I would tie it to some sort of big-game hunt and hunt them as a target of opportunity instead of hunting over bait for 6-days.





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

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