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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ned Burris, APC President

Hello fellow callers, we really need your help!! As fellow hunters and club members I am asking all of you to get more involved. I am not much of a writer, a story teller maybe, but **not** a writer. If any of you have a story about a recent or not so recent hunting experience, please e-mail it to editor@azpredatorcallers.com. Maybe you could share your techniques or your favorite calling methods. I'm sure that other members might find them useful, especially the novices. I'm also asking for your help with the upcoming *Novice Hunt*. I will be unable to make this hunt, so I really need all of you to step up and take a novice. Again, I know most of you have lives and obligations, but please do your best. Think back to the first person that introduced you to predator hunting. Now, it's your turn to help someone else. Please, please get involved! A sign-up sheet will be passed out at the meeting, so please check your calendars before signing up. I hope you to make it to the check-in. We will be doing some skinning demonstrations. Mark your calendars.

Last months meeting was great! Thank you to those of you who made it. I hope you all enjoyed Don Martin and Eric Hivley presentation on Elk hunting. Don & Eric, thanks again for a job well done and for giving up your time & gas. This month's guest speaker will be Pat Barber, a fur biologist from the *Arizona Game & Fish Department*, and he will be speaking to us about bears here in Arizona.

You don't want to miss this one!

I've never harvested a bear and I'm hoping to learn some secrets from Pat.

A few weeks ago I was asked to teach the *Apprenticeship Program* for heavy equipment operators at *Central Arizona College*. I have accepted the position and will be teaching the class beginning the middle of September, for 8 Saturdays. I will finish with just enough time to get ready for the *World Championship Coyote Hunt* in Elko Nevada. I can't wait! I hope I don't miss out on too much hunting this winter, although I will have to miss some club events.

My wife and I have been thinking about having a club party or event at our house sometime in October. We will let you know the date, possibly a Sunday!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Ned

PROGRAM REPORT

by Mike Kannapel, Program Director

This months meeting will be an bear hunting presentation by Pat Barber from the *Arizona Game & Fish Department*.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8th, 2005 at 7:00pm. Our meetings are held at the *Frater-nal Order of Police Lodge #9*, located at 1450 East Main Street in Mesa. The *FOP Lodge* is on the North side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert roads in Mesa. The meeting is free to APC mem-

COMING EVENTS

September General Meeting . . 8 Sept '05
Bear Hunting
 September Board Meeting . . . 26 Sept '05
 October General Meeting. . . . 13 Oct '05
 Novice Hunt 15 Oct '05
 October Board Meeting 31 Oct '05

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.

bers and students under 18, a \$5.00 admission fee is charged 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.

Mike

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from August 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$4,497.26
 Check #1433 Ned Burris - Ice (7.85)
 Check #1434 Ned Burris - Ranch Cleanup (41.32)
 Check #1435 Mike Burris - Food (15.77)
 Check #1436 Mike Clerc - Newsletter (141.49)
 Check #1437 Stan Schepers - Tail Strippers..... (15.00)
 Check #1438 Pitney Bowes - Postage ... (105.00)
 Check #1439 AWF - 7 Memberships..... (45.50)
 Deposit (memberships & cash)..... 441.00
Ending Balance 8/31/05 \$4,566.33

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance..... 83.52
 Call sales 9.00
 Admission & Raffles..... 18.00
 Rifle & Caller Raffle 40.00
 Raffles..... 155.00
 Deposit to Checking..... (305.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance..... 60.52

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Standard..... 13 ...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee..... 42 ...@\$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds 16 ...@\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog 1 ...@\$18.00
 Tally-Ho 31 ...@\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds..... 22 ...@\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts 200 ...@\$0.25
 T-Shirts..... 16 ...@\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS..... 12 ...@\$6.00
 Tail Strippers 3 ...@\$6.00
 Tail Zippers..... 4 ...@\$6.00
 Knife Sharpeners 9 ...@\$3.00
 Decals 898 ...@\$1.00
Total Inventory \$2,447.00
Total Assets..... \$7,073.85
Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)
Net Worth..... \$7,073.85

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

4/10/03 ClydeTurkeys - Antley
 4/10/03 Clyde Turkeys - Fears
 11/11/04 Andres Perez..... Callers of the Wild
 9/12/03 Ed Volk Calling All Coyotes
 5/13/04 Ken McKennaWhitetails II
 8/12/04 Scott Koch .. Power Howling Coyotes
 8/12/04 Scott Koch Black Bear

Jerry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new members Terry Jones, Forest Kirchner and Isaac Ramos. I would also like to thank Mike Burris, Stan Schepers and David DeRoia for renewing their memberships.

The following memberships will expire soon:

| Name | Expires |
|-----------------|-----------|
| William Baber | 01-Oct-05 |
| Susan Frabotta | 01-Oct-05 |
| Jeff Heinze | 01-Oct-05 |
| Lanny Penner | 01-Oct-05 |
| Andrew Peterson | 01-Oct-05 |
| Neil Peterson | 01-Oct-05 |
| Nathan Tramp | 01-Oct-05 |
| Justin Wheeler | 01-Oct-05 |
| Juan Cordon | 01-Nov-05 |
| Kara Jensen | 01-Nov-05 |
| Andy Musacchio | 01-Nov-05 |
| Bruce Painter | 01-Nov-05 |
| Dan Solow | 01-Nov-05 |
| Michael Wildman | 01-Nov-05 |
| Jim Hogue | 01-Dec-05 |
| Fred Johnson | 01-Dec-05 |
| John Koleszar | 01-Dec-05 |
| Larry Scribner | 01-Dec-05 |

The following members have expired:

| Name | Expires |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Jeremy Abegglen | 01-Sep-05 |
| Denzil Dunham | 01-Sep-05 |
| Scott Fribbs | 01-Sep-05 |
| Patrick Jenkins | 01-Sep-05 |
| John McDonald | 01-Sep-05 |
| Tim O'Grady | 01-Sep-05 |
| John Roesler | 01-Sep-05 |
| Carl Shores | 01-Sep-05 |
| Jose Valencia | 01-Sep-05 |
| Eric J. Vidana | 01-Sep-05 |

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) 890-7801 or you can e-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Mike

THE HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

Well, I survived my annual bear hunting trek to Unit 27 this last weekend. No one in our party of eight saw a bear, but we did manage to call in three lions. Stan Shepers called the first one Friday evening and talked it into riding on the back of his quad. I called one in the first thing Saturday morning, it sat down and stared a me at about 325 yards for a minute or two then moved into a brushy reveine that lead right up to me. I continued to call for over an hour but we never seen the cat again. Stan and his partner also called another lion on Saturday, but Stan had already used his tag and Ryan didn't have a lion tag (that's a great lesson on why we always buy a lion tag, you never know what's going to show up). Our hunting party consisted of Stan Shepers, Ryan (sorry, but I don't know his last name), Tom Thornhill, Mike Wildman, Kara Jensen (all club members), myself, Duane (sorry, I dont know his last name either), and Bill Robson, who cooks the best damn food you will ever have hunting! As usual we killed more beer than bears but I wouldn't have missed it, a great time was had by all.

We have our first novice hunt on Saturday, October 15th, if you would like to go please see me during the meeting. The only requirements are that you are a club member and over 18 years of age. We will try to pair you up with an experienced caller for a day, and try and get some critters to join us at the barbecue that night. I will also need some experienced members to help out. Please see me at the meeting.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!!!

Dusty



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:

Dennis Kirk electronic wildlife caller. this is a tape player, excellent condition, \$75.00. Contact Dan @ (480) 883-7148.

For Sale:

Winchester model 67 youth rifle .22 cal. fires .22 shorts, long, & long rifle, new front & rear sights, excellent bluing, good wood. \$125.00 obo Scott 602-319-0459

For Sale:

Marlin model 922M .22WMR (.22mag) semi-automatic, magazine fed, camo finish, includes two magazines, rings & bases. \$225.00 firm Scott 602-319-0459

For Sale:

Beretta model 21A pistol .22LR semi-automatic, black with black grips tip-up barrel, external safety shoots good, reliable, good backup gun \$200.00 obo Scott 602-319-0459

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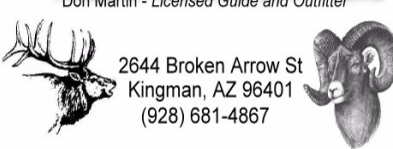
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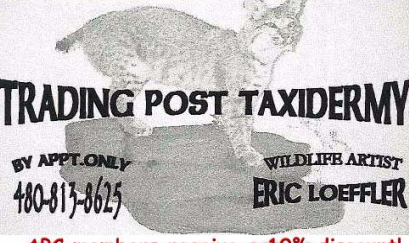


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ADOPT AN ASPEN FENCE

by Patty Ringle - Coconino National Forest

The *Coconino National Forest* is currently experiencing a landscape level crisis in terms of aspen decline. Aspen communities represent a critical component within the *Coconino National Forest*. Aspen clones represent ecologically unique sites that contribute to increased biological diversity. Aspen stands across the forest have been in a gradual state of decline over the past 50 years due to fire suppression and extreme browsing pressure from elk. However, aerial and ground detection surveys have determined a large rate of decline in aspen clones across northern Arizona over the past few years due to defoliation by a severe frost event that occurred in early June of 1999. Many aspen stands are nearing 100% mortality. Monitoring plots located in aspen stands across the *Coconino National Forest* exhibit a combination of symptoms including reduced canopies, branch dieback, increased mortality, encroachment of ponderosa pine, and either nonexistent aspen regeneration success or elk browsing damage approaching 100 percent. Elk browsing is compounding the decline of aspen clones by preventing successful regeneration of aspen. Mortality of mature aspen coupled with continued browsing damage by elk is expected to result in the eventual loss of aspen across the landscape.

Currently, the *Coconino National Forest* has 34 aspen exclosure fences to protect aspen seedlings from elk browsing. These aspen fences total approximately 300 acres, with a total perimeter of nearly 72,000 feet, representing a major maintenance challenge. Of these 34 fences, only 12 fences are completely intact, while 22 fences are in need of light to heavy maintenance.

I am trying to start up an "Adopt an Aspen Fence" Program, which will utilize volunteer groups from various organizations such as yours. Under an annual volunteer agreement, your groups would monitor the condition of their fence(s) twice a year (May and October), conduct light fence maintenance and repair, and report heavy maintenance needs to me. If your group is interested in adopting an aspen fence(s),

please call or email me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Patty Ringle

Forester

Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts

Coconino National Forest

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AZ BIG GAME NEWS

by AZ Game & Fish Department

Hunting Highlights

Aug. 25, 2005

Federal judge removes injunction on 10-percent nonresident cap.

There is more good news for Arizona hunters: U.S. District Court Judge Robert C. Broomfield on Aug. 22 granted the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's motion to revoke the permanent injunction prohibiting enforcement of the state's 10-percent nonresident cap on big game drawings.

"This means the last major legal hurdle has been crossed. Now the Game and Fish Commission can continue moving forward with its rule making efforts to reinstate the 10-percent nonresident cap," says Commission Chairman Hays Gilstrap.

Arizona's original 10-percent cap on nonresident hunt tags was created to protect hunting opportunities for Arizona residents. Last year in July, a U.S. District Court declared the cap unconstitutional, citing the federal Commerce Clause as the reason, and issued an injunction prohibiting the commission from enforcing the cap.

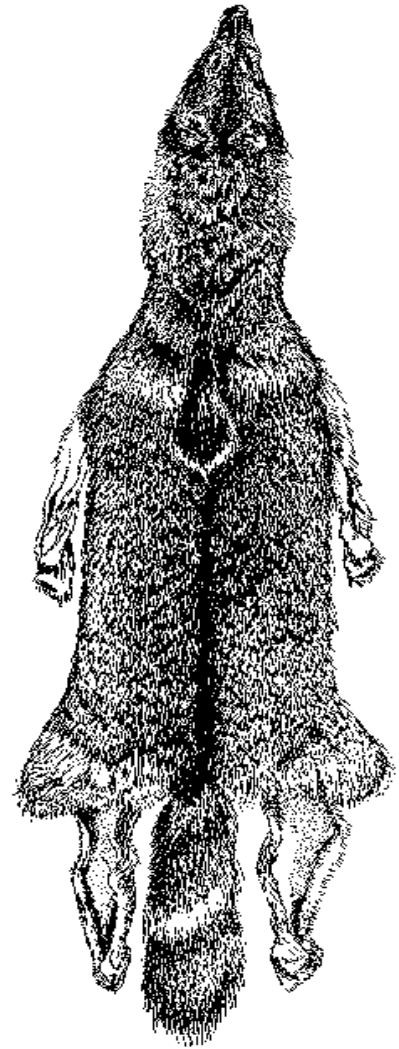
That court action set in motion an exhaustive effort during the past year by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and department, hunters and other stakeholders to institute a wide range of strategies to help protect resident hunting opportunities.

More recently, the U.S. Congress took legislative action to renounce interest in regulating hunting and fishing permits under the federal Commerce Clause, opening the door for Arizona to re-instate limits on nonresident hunting.

At its August meeting in Flagstaff, the Arizona Game and Fish Com-

mission approved a notice of rule-making to reinstate and expand the 10-percent cap. The original 10-percent cap applied to bull elk, buffalo, bighorn sheep and some antlered deer units. The commission voted to expand the cap to include all antlered deer, pronghorn, javelina and turkey hunts as well. For most species, the cap would be applied at no more than 10 percent of the tags available for each hunt number.

"The rule process takes time and involves lots of opportunities for public input, but we anticipate having the caps in place for the 2006 big game drawings," says Gilstrap.



APC MEMBERS-IN-ACTION



These pictures are of the mountain lion harvested by Stan Schepers during a recent bear hunt in Northern Arizona, as mentioned in Dusty Moiser's article.

Primary Annual Membership \$30.00
Family Membership add \$5.00 (\$35.00 total)
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