

# PREDATOR'S PRIDE



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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stan Schepers, APC President

Hello Everyone,

First off, I would like to thank Don Martin for another great seminar on elk hunting. Thanks, Don!

Well August is over and September will probably go slow. But I can't wait for it to start cooling down. Usually by the end of September or beginning of October is when the temps start to change, can't wait!

Craig Gombos and myself went bear hunting in Unit 1. No success for bear but we did see a lot of wildlife. Called in 4 coyotes, 2 foxes but no bear & no wolves. Last year we called in 3 wolves but this year only coyotes. The weather was great, 54 degrees with light showers.

It was hard to turn south and head home. When we reached the valley it was 114 degrees. Something wrong here, drove three hours and the temperature changed 60 degrees. When we got closer to town, I rolled down my window and it was touch and go there for awhile. I didn't think Craig was going to make it. I was afraid I was going to have to take him to the hospital. But he finally calmed down and quit whining. I'd rather get acclimated to the weather change while driving with the ac on, than just step outside of the truck.

We have the club bear hunt coming up on Oct. 5, 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be before the next meeting so you will need to plan it now. We will be camping in the same area as last year. The club will have the trailer there and there will be tables, chairs, bar-b-que and lights. Everyone is welcome to use the bar-b-que to cook. But on this hunt everyone needs to bring their own food and drinks. Hope to see you there!

Also, you are not going to want to miss this next meeting on lion calling by Steve Craig!

*Stan*

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### Coming Events

Sept. General Meeting.....	13 Sept '07
Sept. Board Meeting.....	24 Sept '07
Oct. Bear Hunt.....	5-7 Oct '07
Oct. General Meeting.....	11 Oct '07
Oct. Novice Hunt #1.....	27 Oct '07
Oct. Board Meeting.....	29 Oct '07
Nov. General Meeting.....	8 Oct '07
Nov. Novice Hunt #2.....	10 Nov '07

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

## Treasurers Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from July 1 thru Aug 31, 2007.

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$4,588.61

Check #1581 Postage.....(\$111.73)  
 Check #1582 Stan Schepers.....(\$100.00)  
 Check #1583 Legends Express...(\$235.00)  
 Check #1584 Tally Ho - 30 calls.....(\$111.00)  
 Check #1585 Legends Express...(\$104.23)  
 Check #1586 Tournamnt Suply.(\$1,002.10)  
 Check #1587 Mike Burris,WCCC....(\$89.55)  
 Check #1588 Jerry Thorson, Rifle.(350.00)  
 Check #1589 AWF - 9 members.....(58.50)  
 Critter Call - 18 calls....(\$112.45)

Deposits.....\$2,255.00

Ending Balance 8/31/07.....\$4,569.05

### Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance....\$72.02

Merchandise Sales.....\$40.00  
 Dues.....\$95.00  
 Rifle & Knife Raffle.....\$180.00  
 Raffles.....\$80.00  
 Deposits to Checking.....(\$380.00)

Petty Cash End Balance.....\$87.02

Total Cash.....\$4,656.07

### Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$2,758.75

Total Assets.....\$7,414.82

### APC Video Library

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

4/13/06 Paul Corens...Critr Call Instruction  
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester.How to Talk to Deer  
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester.Operation Predator  
 5/11/06 Tom Sylvester...Whitetails Chance of a Lifetime  
 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears....Elk Calling DVD  
 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears..Utah Raging Bull  
 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....Guns of Valor  
 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....How To Hunt Black Bear  
 1/10/07 Chuck Beshears.Archery Hunting Tactics for Deer  
 8/9/07 Conner Griner.....Beyond Belief-How to Shoot Big Bucks

Thanks *Jerry*

## September Meeting Program

**Topic: Mountain Lion Hunting**

**Speaker: Steve Craig**

**About the Speaker:**

Steve Craig grew up in Indiana and has hunted and trapped professionally from 1973 to 1990, moving to Arizona in 1983. He started Arizona Predator Hunts in 1996 and has been guiding and teaching predator calling since that time.

Steve has written articles for several publications over the years, such as "Trapper and Predator Caller", "Fur-Fish-Game", and "Fur Taker" magazine. He has stopped guiding hunts as of this year to spend more time with his family.

Steve has hunted, called and trapped in just about every state in the Union. He has called over 100 lions for clients and students in the last 11 years, plus other predators as well.

He enjoys teaching others how to do what he has been blessed to do. This is where Steve receives his greatest pleasure. His long term goal is to hunt Africa.

Steve Craig

Arizona Predator Hunts

www.azpredatorhunts@hotmail.com

This seminar is open to all outdoorsmen, photographers, hikers, and campers.

**When:** 7:00pm, Thursday, September 13, 2007

**Where:** [Mesa FOP Lodge](#) - 1452 E. Main Street - Mesa, AZ

**Cost:** \$5.00 (Free to members of Arizona Predator Callers & students under 18)

Complimentary refreshments are served, along with a free door prize, and outdoor gear raffle.

### Shirts Are In

APC polo and t-shirts are in and will be available for pickup at the next meeting. If you pre-ordered a shirt or two, bring your money and pick them up.

T-Shirts - Small - XL.....\$16.00

T-Shirts- XXL.....\$17.00

Polo Shirts.....\$29.00



# Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

Well, another season is upon us. Hope everyone got through their honey-do list so they can take some time off to hunt. We have several hunts planned this fall, starting in October. On October 5,6,& 7 we have a bear hunt in unit 27. I will have maps available at September's meeting. We had a nice turn out last year and everyone had a good time, so we will do pretty much the same thing this year.

Our novice hunts this year are on October 27th and November 10th. See me at the meeting to sign up. We also need experienced members to take people out. If you can help please see me. Novices will be paired up with club members for a day. Where you go is up to each team. At the end of the day we will meet in the desert and have a bar-b-que, skin the animals (if any) , have some cold drinks, and trade stories.

The world championships are on November 29,30,& December 1st in Williams. If you would like to hunt or help, see Mike Burris.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

## Dusty

### Hunt Calendar

- Bear Hunt.....October 5-7, 2007
- Novice Hunt.....October 27,2007
- Novice Hunt,.....November 10, 2007
- World Championship Hunt...  
.....November 29, 30, 2007 & December 1, 2008
- Fur Donation Hunt.....January 5, 2008
- Save-A-Fawn Hunt.....January 19, 2008
- Antelope Eaters Hunt.....March 1-2, 2008



### Rifle Raffle

Arizona Predator Callers invites you to purchase raffle tickets for another quality firearm. This month's raffle will be for a Ruger M77 Rifle chambered in Remington .280. This fine rifle is in stainless steel with a synthetic stock. Purchase your tickets soon. They are going fast. Out of 56 tickets to be sold, there are only 38 tickets left. The drawing will be as soon as all 56 tickets are sold. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at the September meeting. See Jerry at the door.

### Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

Welcome new members **John Koleszar**, Gilbert - **Vere Harris**, Chino Valley - **Dan Carey**, Florence - **Phil Hiddessen**, Mesa and **Stephen Crooks**, Mesa

Thanks to:

**Bill Rice, Tucson**  
**Bob Baird, Bullhead City**  
**Karl Griner, Mesa**  
**Andrew Kap, Queen Creek**  
For renewing their memberships.

### Memberships Expired

Name	Expiration Date
Russell Applegate	9/1/2007
David DeRoia	9/1/2007
Denzil Dunham	9/1/2007
Joe Gordon	9/1/2007
Terry Jones	9/1/2007
Forest Kirchner	9/1/2007
Mike McAlister	9/1/2007
Cley Moser	9/1/2007
Tom Rockholt	9/1/2007
Gary Rousche	9/1/2007
Tom Saraukas	9/1/2007
Jose Valencia	9/1/2007
Jon Waggoner Jr	9/1/2007
Jon Waggoner Sr	9/1/2007

### Memberships Expiring Soon

William Baber	10/1/2007
Craig Borsheim	10/1/2007
Jason Cappelletty	10/1/2007
Susan Frabotta	10/1/2007
Jeff Heinze	10/1/2007
Bruce Pederson	10/1/2007
William Sheridan	10/1/2007
Ed Stephens	10/1/2007
Larry Walden	10/1/2007
Jack Walker	10/1/2007

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 **1-800-756-7094** or you can e-mail me any time at: [membership@azpredatorcallers.com](mailto:membership@azpredatorcallers.com)

# On the Stand

by Larry Walden, APC Special Events Coordinator

This month - On the Stand with: APC Hunt Chairman **Dusty Mosier**

Dusty is the APC Hunt Chairman. He organizes all our novice hunts and many of the scheduled hunts we have during the year. Dusty has been hunting in Arizona for many years and has enjoyed a lot of success predator hunting since joining the APC in 2002. Dusty has some good stories from his fly-in Caribou hunt where he collected two Canadian Caribou.

**1. How did you get started predator hunting?**

I wasn't getting drawn for anything in Arizona so I started looking for other hunting opportunities.

**2. Who has had the most influence on your predator hunting career?**

Ned Burriss and Stan Schepers. Both of these guys are really good at predator hunting.

**3. What is your favorite time of the year for hunting predators?**

Fall and winter.

**4. What is your favorite Arizona hunt unit for predator hunting?**

Unit 27. This unit is still remote and wild.

**5. Name a couple of your favorite predator hunting "mouth" calls.**

A wooden "bite" call I have that sounds like a bird.

**6. Do you use electronic calls? If so, what brand/model do you use and what are the three most effective "sounds"?**

No

**7. Do you use decoys? If yes, what kind?**

Crow on a stick and a rabbit fur on my foot.

**8. Do you use cover scent? If so, what do you use.**

No.

**9. What are 3 important factors to consider when on, or approaching, a predator hunting stand?**

**Of the three which is the most critical?**

- Wind direction.
- Noise – being quite going to your stand.
- Backing up against something for concealment.

Not making noise is the most important.

**10. Describe your most memorable predator hunt.**

Called in a Mountain Lion really close (discovered fresh scat) but did not see the Lion.

**11. What is your favorite predator to hunt? Why?**

Mountain Lion. They can hunt back.

**12. Describe your single most successful predator stand.**

Began calling and in 10 seconds 4 coyotes came running. In one minute it was over. Got 1 coyote out of the 4.

**13. Describe your most disastrous predator hunting adventure.**

I can't remember when I did not have fun.

**14. What is your favorite predator hunting rifle/caliber/bullet and shotgun/gauge/load?**

AR-15 in .223 Remington.

**15. What is your favorite camo / pattern?**

Leafy Wear – in Seclusion 3D.

**16. Name your favorite annual APC hunt or activity.**

Annual Antelope Eaters hunt in Seligman, AZ.

**17. What is your number one predator hunting goal?**

To call and harvest a Mountain Lion. This is one of the reasons I joined APC.

**18. In your opinion, what development (equipment, strategy or tactic ) has most influenced predator hunting during the last 5-10 years?**

Electronic calls. They have become smaller, lighter and cheaper.

**19. What Arizona Game & Fish hunting regulation would you change?**

Allow Mountain Lion hunting with shotguns.

**20. What do you consider to be the greatest threat to the future of predator hunting?**

Closure of areas to hunting.

**21. Describe your dream big game/predator hunt.**

Moose in Canada.



# Mountain Lion Harvest Data

by Mike Disney, Arizona Game and Fish Department

This data is provided to accompany information that will be given by our guest speaker at the September general meeting. Steve Craig will talk about Lion hunting.

Female mountain lions give birth year round.

During summer months higher percentage of lions give birth than any other time of year (termed a "Birth Pulse").

### Legal Requirements for Mountain Lion

**Legal Mountain Lions:** Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

**License Required:** Any valid hunting or combination license except a Three-Day Hunting (Class H).

**Tag Required:** A hunt nonpermit-tag must be obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide. In units with a multiple bag limit, hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the unit's multiple bag limit is reached. Once the unit's multiple bag limit has been reached, the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day multiple bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the multiple bag limit is reached.

**Open Season:** September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 Statewide except those areas as listed.

**Collared Lions:** If a mountain lion with a radio collar is harvested, the hunter is asked to return the collar, as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer when doing the required physical check-in of the carcass parts.

See page 50 & 51 of 2007-2008 Hunting Regulations

### R12-4-308 B.4.

A successful **bear** or **mountain lion** hunter shall report information about the kill in person or by telephone within 48 hours of taking the wildlife. The report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's hunting license number, the sex of the wildlife taken, the management unit where the wildlife was taken, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information. Within 10 days of taking the wildlife, each hunter who takes a bear or mountain lion shall present the skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible.

1-877-438-0447

### Mountain Lion Range in Arizona



Lower density in southwest Arizona

Range of 72,160 mi<sup>2</sup>

Population from density estimates

~2500 animals statewide

Annual harvest of about 250 lions

**Statewide bag limit, 1 per calendar year**

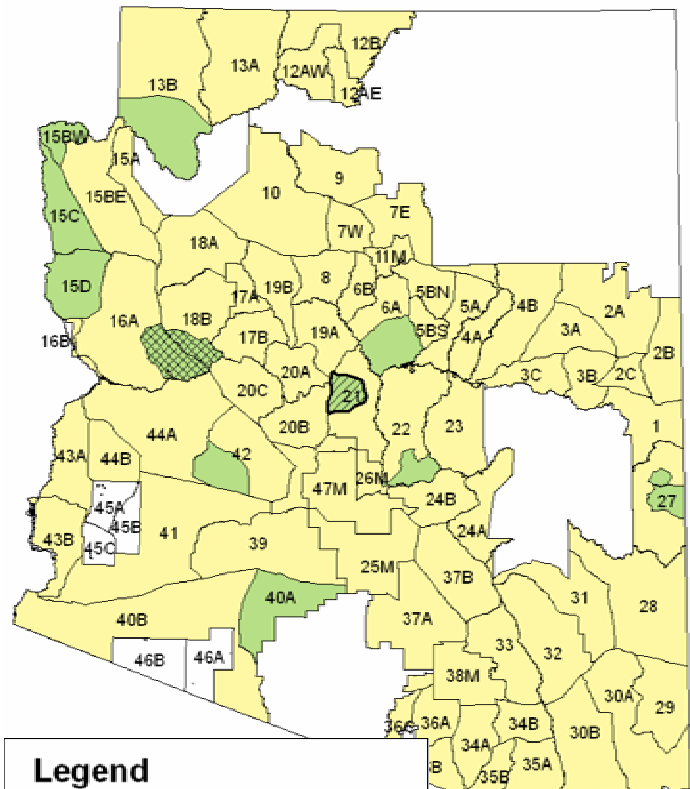
Yearlong season

May be pursued with hounds

**Some units with harvest objectives**

Provide recreational harvest

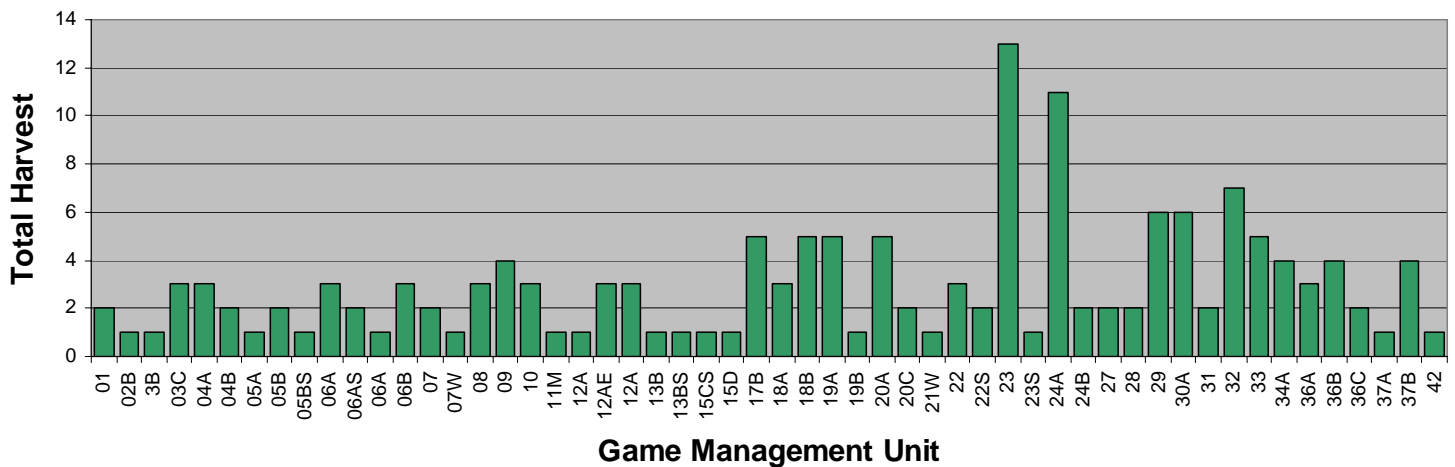
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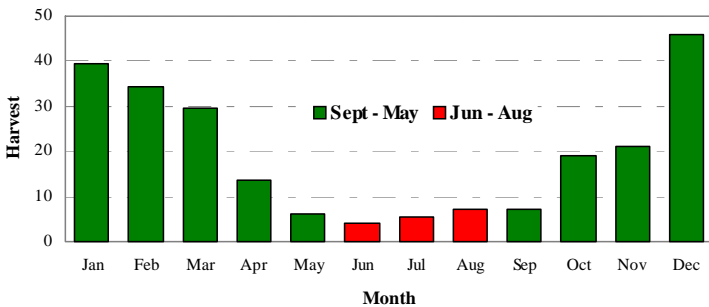
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- Season Jul1--Jun30
- Season Sept1--May31
- Multiple Bag Limit to Close
- Multiple Bag Limit to Open
- Refuges and Reservations

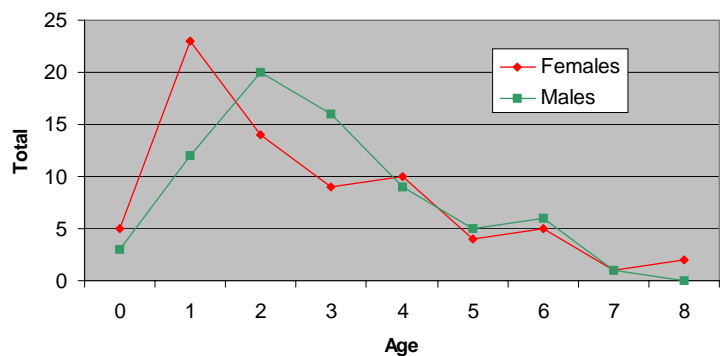
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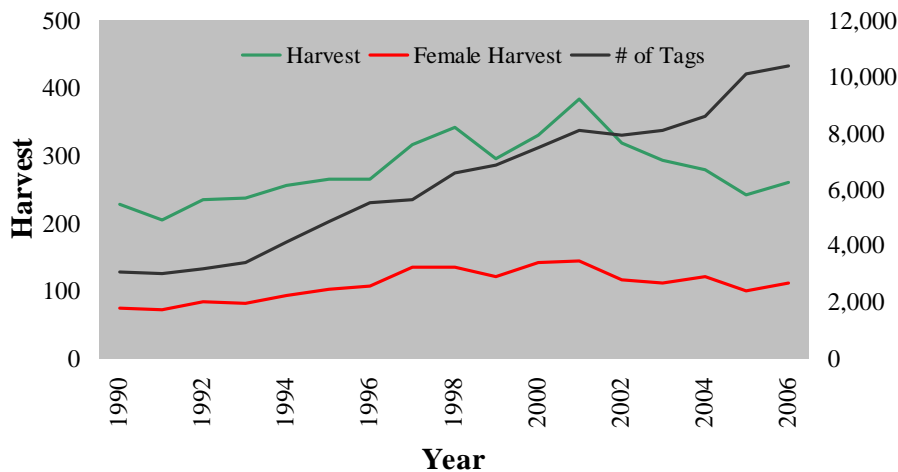
### 5-Year Average Lion Harvest by Month



### 2006 Mountain Lion Harvest by Sex and Age



### Mountain Lion Hunt Harvest vs. Tags Issued



We would like to thank Mike Disney and the Arizona Game and Fish Department for allowing us to reprint this data. Mike Disney can be reached at: [mdisney@azgfd.gov](mailto:mdisney@azgfd.gov)

## Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Family Members

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

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

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

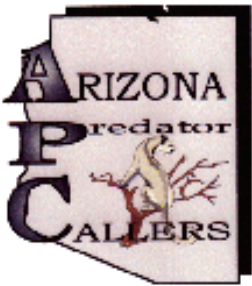
New Membership

Renewal

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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