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April 2015

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### The President's Message

by John Arterburn, APC President

A great deal has taken place this year in our club. I want to first and foremost, thank **Rich Higgins** for leading the club as our president. I have personally enjoyed his company on hunts, and his knowledge on those hunts and in club meetings. I want to thank him most of all for his example as a gentleman under all conditions. If we are fortunate we realize when we are in the presents of someone from whom we can



learn. In my case I never realized at the age of 56 I would have the pleasure to learn what it means to be a true gentleman under all conditions.

This year is turning out to be a milestone as we have had a number of assaults on the manner in which our Arizona Game and Fish Department work as stewards of our wildlife resources. I say ours considering, the majority of funding for the department is provided by Hunters and Anglers such as yourselves, not the public at large. You as Hunters and Anglers carry out the directives of this Department under the direction of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. We are one of only two states in this incredible country who are fortunate enough have a body of "the people" as a Commission making policy for "the people" assisted with recommendations from the wonderfully educated and experienced Arizona Game and Fish Department.

As I recently took a tour of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and met the staff that supports us, I felt like I was back in the Research and Development area of my previous company Talley Defense Systems. When you are around PHD's who are excited about what they do and understand their impact and the odds at stake there is electricity in the air as there was that day of my visit. These people are driven to serve at a professional level, and I am proud to have them in my home state. When you speak with or listen to Rich, Hank Scutoski, and Jim Schmidt in our club, or Julius Fortuna in Nevada you feel you are in the same presence, professionalism, and care of our wildlife resources.

We had a rapid change of office at the last meeting I want to explain. Last year the board had voted and asked me to assume the position of president. In Rich's wisdom with your boards approval we decided we would make this a transition rather than an abrupt shift. Visiting and meeting Game and Fish was part of the transition. This is what we have been doing for the past several months. Due to the pressures of business Rich made the announcement and had to return to his business, rather than being able to stay for the meeting. I understand the condition Rich must operate under as a small business owner, and again appreciate what he has done and continues to do for us. Please read the Predator Calling section of our webpage created by Rich and produced by **Jim O'Dell**. Jim is another board member I would like to recognize for our website and Facebook. This newsletter you are reading is produced

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#### President's Message cont'd.

by our very own John Albin. whom I thank very much. John's guidance as well as this fine publication is appreciated. John is another true gentleman I learn from at each exchange we have. As you might tell I am explaining the inner workings of what and who keeps our club going, since there is no auto pilot to any organization. The glue of people like Jerry Thorson and Dusty Moiser have been the heart that keeps this organization going financially and from the perspective of responsible stewardship education and hunting of the Arizona predator species we are blessed to live among. These predators are truly incredible animals. We would not be able to learn about them and help in carrying out our part in the Arizona Game and Fish Department Predator Management Program with out the past work of these club members.

On to some added faces. **Dennis Slade** agreed to be a part of the board this season. His intellect of the subject matter, love of this walk of life, and years of experience insure we will have programs to meet the needs of hunters at every level of experience. **Jim Schmidt, Hank Scutoski,** and **Jeff Hines** are three other club members we are taping for their resources, which amaze me with each new development we encounter, thank you gentlemen.

Everyone has various talents; we want to use them for the club. We want to utilize these talents to improve and further the club. Jim O'Dell mentioned he had offered to take over and make improvements to the website last year. He is now producing a great site for us. Hank Scutoski said he could draft a document for us on education and events developing. John Albin used Hank's article for the President's message last month.

# April Meeting Program "Rifle and Shotgun Techniques"

The April APC meeting will have two speakers covering the topic of Rifle and Shotgun methods and setups for hunting coyotes. Guest speakers will be **Scott Francom** on Rifle and **Ned Burris** covering shotguns. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from these two experienced hunters.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on *Thursday, April 9*, 2015 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.

In closing I would like to state a few goals and activities for 2015 -2016 Hunt Season.

- Continue the development of our hunter and general public education on the topic of predator hunting and how this fits into the grand scheme of wildlife preservation. Along with increased political awareness and involvement.
- · Continue to have a club hunt each month we have a club meeting.
- Layout and conduct a program to take club members through all the facets of predator hunting over the course of the year. The program and order of presentations is being drafted for a hunter new to predator hunting. We will evaluate the results at year end to determine the following:
  - o Do we continue the program?
  - Whether we repeat each year as the main topic or as short 10 minute "Predator Hunting Tip" presentation during each meeting,
  - Develop an advance predator hunter track and presentations.
  - In sports some coaches stress basics while others develop and pioneer advanced play. Certain things are reviewed or practiced before each outing to maintain mental discipline, muscle memory, and so everyone knows the plan. We will determine the mix needed to create and sustain proficient predator hunters



# **Hunt Report**

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



The Save-A-Fawn Hunt in Heber was a success. This year I hunted with Kara Jensen, a long time club member and friend. We left the motel Saturday morning, it was 28 degrees and their was ice on the windshield of my truck. However by 9am we were shedding sweatshirts as the morning warmed up quickly. The first two stands were uneventful. I was using my FX3 and running the sound of my granddaughter crying (which, by the way, is very hard to listen to). On stand #3, I switched to a baby cottontail in distress and within several minutes a coyote came running in. I shot through some tall grass at a moving outline, and it hunched up and went down. In seconds it was up again and trotting away with only its ears visible. A hard right turn and it was gone, back the way it had come from. We searched for about 20 minutes, found where it had fallen and the ground was wet (not blood). Oh well, a bad shot, it got away gut shot to die somewhere else. We called another ten stands, nothing but a beautiful day, blue skies and no wind.

By 6pm we were sitting in the Red Onion waiting to see how everyone else did. An hour later there where eleven of us present and two coyotes had been shot.

Dave Ramsay shotgunned one called by Joe Porath. APC picked up the tab for dinner and drinks, and by 9 we were back in our room, tired and ready to call it a day.

Sunday morning we stopped at

# **Hunt and Events Calender**

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 at **Denny's 1368 N. Cooper Rd., Gilbert, AZ**. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

my cabin (which is not winterized), so I could set out my trail camera. I sprayed the rocks and bricks in front with cover scent (an awful smelling mixture that Rich had told me about). Hopefully in a month or so when I open the place up for the summer I will have some good pictures of animals.

Your hunt records are due at this months meeting, so please remember to bring them. Even if you were not able to harvest any predators I still need to hear from you. You can hand me a copy in person, fax it to me 480-899-0975, E-mail: mosierds@yahoo.com or even snail-mail it (1621 N. Central Dr. Chandler, AZ 85224).

Over 60% of our club members don't get anything so please don't be embarrassed, a lot of members never get out due to job or family conflicts. I try and talk to every club member if possible, so I can total up how we did as a club. If you where able to take any predators and don't have a hunt record. I need species, sex, weapon used, and AZ game unit number. Please come and see me at the meeting. If you want to be considered for any of the awards, (which include a gift card), you have to turn in a hunt record.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!!

Dusty

### **Membership Report**

Welcome New Members: Jeremiah Atwood, Michael Janik, Jeff Kallestad, Ray Kolb and Terryu Negus Sr.

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

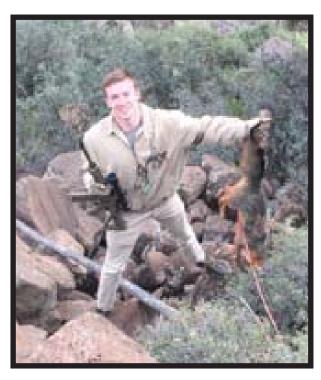
Thomas Blum, Robert Harry, Joseph Porath, Jeff Serdy, David Warren

**Expiring Soon**: Dave Pratt and Gary Thompson

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

Craig Barnett, Duane Blau,
Arnold Cason, Sid Chalasani,
Bill Cirelli, Ron
Day, Chuck Hagen, Jim
Hawkins, Jeff Heinze, Parker
heywood, Charlie lannacone,
Steve Jansen, Treavor
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# Sharing The Adventure



Hank Hays with his first Fox harvest. This was also the first Fox that he called in.



John Arterburn with a coyote harvest during the recent Arizona Coyote Calling Championship.





The Arizona Coyote Calling Championship check in and dinner.

# Save A Fawn Hunt



Dave Ramsay harvested this male coyote during the Save A Fawn hunt on March 21, 2015. This was Dave's second coyote this season. Wiley was called in at 1605 hours Northwest of Heber using a FoxPro with a Juvenile Red Fox Distress call. Dave was using his AR-15 with .223 Hornaday 53gr. V-Max. Dave was hunting with Joe Porath on the Mogollon Rim.

Dave Says: Twenty five minutes into the 16th stand of the day. I ran the call longer than usual since the set-up was perfect. Two seconds before he showed I was thinking "if there isn't a coyote here then they just don't exist". He came charging so fast I could have had a clown suit on and it probably wouldn't have mattered. I had my thumb on the FoxPro remote off button, but I am glad I waited a little longer this time.

I believe there were 11 of us for the check in dinner at the "Red Onion" in Heber. It was a good get together with great stories and conversation.

The annual **Save A Fawn Hunt** was held **March 21st**. This one day hunt is held annually and is designed to aid in the predator depredation of the deer and antelope populations above the Mogollon Rim.

Check In was held at the Red Onion in Heber.



L-R: Marv Buck, Doug Williams, Gary Thompson, Joe Porath, Dave Ramsey



L-R: Arnold Cason, Ray Arreola Sr., Art Gransee (just visible), Skip Mikolajczyk



L-R: Dusty Mosier (hands only), Kara Jensen, Arnold Cason

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# Bill co-sponsored by Reps. Kirkpatrick, Sinema, Salmon, Schweikert and Franks

U.S. Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, together with U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar, introduced on Wednesday the Grand Canyon Bison Management Act, which would allow the use of wildlife management and conservation techniques on the bison population within Grand Canyon National Park.

Specifically, the act would require both the U.S. Department of Interior and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to coordinate on producing a plan that allows sportsmen holding a valid state-issued hunting license to manage the bison population within the park through culling and other, nonlethal means. The volunteers would then be allowed to remove the full bison harvested from the park.

"The introduction of this bill is a positive step toward ensuring the bison population remains in proper balance to allow for the recovery of natural habitat within the Grand Canyon National Park," said Game and Fish Commission Chairman Robert Mansell. "We thank and look forward to partnering with our Arizona Congressional Delegation in support of this commonsense bill that benefits the Grand Canyon, the State of Arizona, our wildlife conservation efforts and local businesses."

Over the past few decades, the bison abundance, distribution and unfettered reproduction, and movement in and near the Grand Canyon's North Rim, have impacted both natural and cultural resources within the Park.

Wildlife surveys estimate that about 600 bison have migrated into the Grand Canyon National Park, where hunting is prohibited. According to Sen. McCain, the park has now become a safe haven for the exploding bison population, which has led to overgrazing and damage to the Grand Canyon's natural resources.

The bills (S. 782 and H.R. 1443) were co-sponsored in the U.S. House by Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick, Kyrsten Sinema, Matt Salmon, David Schweikert and Trent Franks.

# Introduction to outdoors skills focuses on fun, education

For women who just want to find out what the outdoors experience is all about, signing up for a Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop is a great place to start.

The Arizona Wildlife Federation, in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, will conduct its next BOW workshop April 17-19 at Friendly Pines Camp in Prescott.

The workshop introduces like-minded women (18 and older) to outdoors skills in an enjoyable, no-pressure setting with expert instructors. Horsemanship, outdoor photography, archery, fly-fishing, Dutch-oven cooking, shooting and birding are among the more than 30 courses offered during the day.

The evenings are filled with fun and entertainment, like night hikes, fly-tying and motivational speakers.

Lodging will be provided in rustic cabins, with five to seven campers per room using bunk beds. Campers must provide their own bedding and towels. Sleeping bags are highly recommended. Full bathrooms with electricity are available in each cabin.

The workshop fee is \$250 (\$300 with horsemanship) and includes all course materials, meals and lodging. In addition to learning outdoors skills, building self-confidence or just spending an adventurous getaway with girlfriends, a two-day workshop in the high country could make for a perfect early Mother's Day gift.

View a video about the BOW workshop.

For information, visit <a href="www.azwildlife.org">www.azwildlife.org</a>; e-mail: <a href="mailto:BOW@azwildlife.org">BOW@azwildlife.org</a>; or call (480) 644-0077.

# Project ChildSafe to debut new firearms safety video

Project ChildSafe supporters and Phoenix Police Department officials will be joining forces to unveil a new safety video for parents, "How to Talk to Your Kids About Firearms Safety," at 6 p.m. Thursday (March 26) at Sportsman's Warehouse, 19205 N. 27th Ave., in Phoenix.

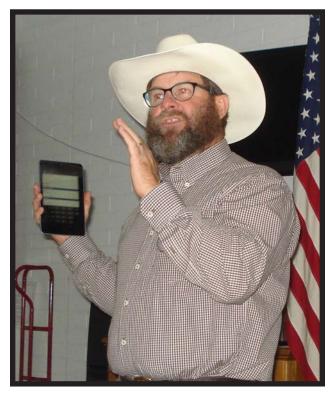
The video, starring champion shooter, veteran, author and mother Julie Golob, serves as a first-of-its-kind resource to guide parents in conversation about gun safety with children. In addition, free gun locks will be distributed to help Phoenix-area families responsibly store their firearms, while encouraging those families to begin discussing firearms safety in their homes.

For more information about Golob, visit <a href="https://www.juliegolob.com">www.juliegolob.com</a>. For more information about Project ChildSafe, visit <a href="https://www.projectchildsafe.org">www.projectchildsafe.org</a>.

#### Did you know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars? We hold the state's wildlife in trust for the public without a dime from Arizona taxpayers. www.azgfd.gov/inside\_azgfd/funds.shtml

# March ANC Meeting Highlights



Guest speaker at the March meeting was Dennis Slade. Dennis had an outstanding presentation on long range shooting.



John Arterburn assumed the office of APC President after the resignation of Rich Higgins at the March meeting. We wish Rich well in his next endeavor.



Bill Baber was the raffle winner of the 22-250 Rifle. Willard Bourquein is shown accepting the prize for Bill.







Raffle Winners



**Door Prize Winners** 

# April Firearm Raffle

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or a Rifle yet to be determined

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

John Arterburn of Pinnacle Peak Ace Home Center supplies our raffle firearms.

See his ad on page 5.

The following tentative schedule has been developed by your Executive Board as a guideline to be used for next seasons APC events. Please look this over and give us your opinion and comments. Direct them to: John Arterburn, johna@ppace.biz

## APC 2015 / 2016 Schedule of Events

Meeting Date	Primary Topic of Speaker Topics for predator hunting skills & knowledge as they relate to coyote, mountain lion, bobcat and fox. Numbered 1-40	Hunt Date
8/13/15	Intro to APC and Predators  1 Explain ethical and humane hunting and firearm safety  2 Explain the physical traits that make a predator  3 Explain the behavioral traits that make a predator  4 Explain predator social structures  5 Explain vocalizations	8/15/15
9/10/15	Fox Bobcat and Scouting Technology  What do the different predators hunts  How often does each predator hunt and when do they hunt  Explain what each predator does when it's not hunting and where it can be found  Explain what attracts each predator, then how you attract them  Explain what deters or frightens each predator  Explain what gives a predator security & what this means  Explain how each predator will approach a target of opportunity when they are young, hungry, experienced, high security or low security	9/12/15
10/8/15	Bear and Mountain Lion  13 Explain where to find each predator in the desert, forest, or prairies  14 Explain scouting for predators and record keeping  15 Explain conditions to be considered for a predator stand  16 Explain how to approach a predators band  17 Explain what to do in the predator stand and how long to do it and how to leave the predators  18 How many stands do you need and how often do you return to withstand	<b>p 10/10/15</b> tor spam
11/12/15	Coyote  19 Explain what clothes to wear and body odor  20 Explain which fire arms and what equipment to use  21 Explain hunting and a pair and hunting by yourself or trio  22 Explain time of day to hunt predator during seasons of year	11/14/15
12/10/15	Skinning & Fur Preparation 23 Explain coyote lifecycle and associated calling techniques which vary according to lifecycle 24 Carcass dosposal, night hunting, moon cycles 25 Explain the difference in distance between calling stand when driving versus walking	<b>12/12/15</b> le
1/14/16	Technology & Multi Club Hunt  26 Talk about using a ladder sitting standing laying down  27 Explain shooting aids and the differences between them all.  29 Talk about call and types of calls and what predator and prey sounds to use	: 1/16/16
2/11/16	Calling with E-caller & hand  30 Talk about hunting on private land and public land  31 Talk about shooting proficiency each year and citing equipment in each year  32 Talk about using Google maps, land navigation, GPS use on foot and in a vehicle.	2/13/16

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Meeting Date	Primary Topic of Speaker Topics for predator hunting skills & knowledge as they relate to coyote, mountain lion, bobcat and fox. Numbered 1-40	Hunt Date
3/10/16	Turkey  Save A Fawn Hunt  33 Talk about hunting vehicles and equipment needed in vehicle and on body  34 Talk about number of days hunting and how proficiency goes up as days increase to point.  Do not practice but practice perfect  35 Record your hunts over the course of the hunting season to be successful	3/26/16
4/14/16	Firearms 38 Talk about why & how using a ladder, standing, sitting chair/ground, laying down 39 Explain stocking vs calling a coyote when why how 40 Talk about hunting contest and what you learn	4/16/16
5/12/16	Awards Presentation of season hunting awards and election of officers.	

# **Treasurer's Report**

<b>Beginning Balance 3-01-15</b> \$8,316.66
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Total Assets.....\$9,902.58

### APC Video Library

The following indviduals have videos checked out.

Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.

10/9/14	Don CanineCal	lling Coytes Like the Pros
3/13/14	Jerry Snodgra	ssCoyote Behavior
3/12/15	David Morris	Coyote Rage-Free
		Grass and No Fences
3/12/15	David Morris	Crazy Like a Coyote
11/9/14	Chip Hidiger	Nail Em AZ Style
3/12/15	Doug Williams	Operation Predator III
3/12/15	Art Gransee	Operation Predator V
1/8/15	Dave Warren	The Best of the West



### April Events

APC Meeting	April 9, 2015
Nominations of officers for executive	•
APC Board Meeting	April 27, 2015

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

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