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The President's Message

by John Arterburn, APC President



Welcome to the 2015/2016 hunting season here at Arizona Predator Callers. I go back through past newsletters on our website for hunting tips and inspiration. What was going on and who was involved? I read the August 2005 edition. Ned was the president Jerry was the Treasurer and Dusty was the Hunt Chairman along with Stan. Kara was skinning her first coyote. Wiley Coyote was giving some really good hunting tips and the club members were cleaning up local ranches. I am glad some things do not change, and I want to thank all members who have been a part of the organization.

We have laid out the agenda for the entire year and it can be found in the last newsletter of last season. Jim O'Dell has also loaded the schedule into the website calendar. This month I will welcome members briefly, mention the club history and goals. We will talk about ethics and safety. Then Rich Higgins will present information on the predators here in our state.

We have thought about, what does a hunter need to know who is involved in predator hunting? Taking in all of this information can feel like you are drinking from a fire hose to someone new to the field. We have tried to layout the information in an order that would help a new hunter. We have many experienced hunters in our group who we hope add to the presentations all year.

We also would like to give back to the community in a few ways, which we have done in the past and some new activities, if club members will support the efforts as members do in other Arizona Hunting organizations.

Perfect practice makes for better hunting. Can you operate, disassemble and assemble all your equipment wearing a blindfold? Do you have a checklist of what you need and what you take? Do you know what you keep in every pocket of your rucksack/backpack, or in your rig? Do you

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August Meeting Program “Intro to APC and Predators”

President's Message cont'd.

review your equipment for wear and tear? Do you repair or replace when needed? Do you check dates on medicine? Do you have enough medicine if you are stranded? Do you have three gallons of drinking water for every day of your hunt trip plus more in case you are stranded? Do you realize once you have heat stroke you are more susceptible to it in the future? Are you on the ragged edge of a failure and don't know it until it is too late?

One of the best books I ever read was “Deep Survival: Who Lives Who Dies and Why” written by Laurence Gonzales in 2004. I passed this book onto my mountain bike buddies, because we were on the ragged edge many times and did not realize it. This book gives many stories of people getting away with something unsafe, because it worked so they thought they were safe and continued to until death. The “will to survive” made the difference in some cases. I recommend this book to all.

This summer I have tried to get ready for the coming season, by making things easier for myself. I made some new shooting sticks. I am in the process re-barreling my backup rifle so I am hunting with the same caliber with either rifle. If you shoot an AR platform, upper and lower part packs are reasonable. This eliminates the need of a backup rifle. Dusty always mentions going out to the range over the summer and sighting everything in at the beginning of the season. In the process of doing this myself, I found the new barrel has excessive headspace and does not fire every cartridge. The barrel is on its way back to the manufacture to correct this issue. I am reviewing first aid kits and new quick blood clotting bandages and sprays now out in the market.

Join us for our first meeting of the new season. Topics of discussion will be an **Introduction to the Arizona Predator Callers and Predator Hunting**. Further topics will include ethical and humane hunting and firearm safety, the physical traits that make a predator, the behavioral traits that make a predator, predator social structures and vocalizations. Discussion will be lead by **Rich Higgins** with graphics by **Kara Jensen**.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is **Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM**.

The meetings are held monthly 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.

When in doubt I will check with Jim or Dusty my hunting partners to see what they think or have researched, that way we are on the same sheet of music to help each other. They are both very organized and leave little to chance.

I have been reviewing the methods to send an SOS from the backcountry. A couple years ago Dennis Slade and Jeff Hines were giving me great information on methods at a campout. I finally pulled the trigger on a method that allows the family to follow me and I can stay in contact if required.

Changed all the fluids in my vehicles and have been investigating a new E-caller which we will be raffling off at the first meeting. The E-caller is from Convergent Hunting Solutions and uses your smart phone as the remote, reducing what you carry, and it is easy to operate. The unit comes with a built-in Decoy and ground stake.

In essence keep an open mind in both directions. What have the old hunters and trappers learned along ago and willing to share with you today? What new technology is being developed to save troops, which can save you tomorrow?

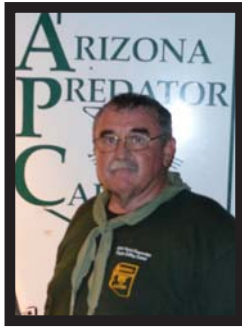
Remember two things; perfect practice makes a better hunter, and leave as quiet as you came,

John Arterburn



Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well here we go again, another summer is winding down. The season is approaching, are you ready? I was asked at the last board meeting to perhaps write about being prepared for the hunting season.

This is what I do each late summer / early fall. Double check your wallet, **make sure that your hunting license is current** (now that they can expire any time of the year). Do you have a **lion tag and a bear tag**, you never know what might come to your call. I gather up all of the weapons that I might need and head to the range. I typically fire 3-5 rounds through each one to **make sure that they are on target and functioning properly**. Having a malfunctioning weapon or one that is off target can lead to a bad day calling.

Check your ammo bag, not having enough or not having the right rounds with you can also screw up the day. I will also **touch up the paint on any of my weapons that might need it, and clean and lightly oil them**. Along with this goes **checking all of my personal gear**: camouflage clothing, binoculars, GPS, maps, knives (sharpen if needed), and calls (check reeds, lanyards, batteries and extra batteries). From here I go to my truck, I will **check all belts, hoses, filters, tires, fluid levels and the batteries** (my diesel has two). I always **carry**

two spare tires, which has paid off once when I had two flats on the same weekend. In my truck goes some **basic tools**, two come-alongs, tow straps, tire chains, several jacks (including a high lift farm jack). I also carry 7-10 gallons of **drinking water**, extra food, a small stove & lantern with fuel, two sleeping bags, a heavy jacket, chairs, a small table, and several tarps. Also I have a very extensive **first aid kit** and I am trained in its use.

This may seem like a lot of stuff, but it will all fit in a couple of

plastic totes. Hope for the best and prepare for the worst. Given the remote places that some of us go, an accident or break down during the wrong time of the year could prove deadly. Having some **basic camping items** with you could make the venture merely inconvenient. A roll of heavy-duty plastic garbage bags and a large empty ice chest will come in handy for the pile of critters that you harvest.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty

Hunt and Events Calender

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| APC General Meeting..... | August 13, 2015 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>August 15, 2015</i> |
| <i>See Page 13 for Check In Location</i> | |
| APC General Meeting..... | September 10, 2015 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>September 12, 2015</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | October 8, 2015 |
| <i>Predator Workshop and Hunt.....</i> | <i>October 10, 2015</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | November 12, 2015 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>November 14, 2015</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | December 10, 2015 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>December 12, 2015</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | January 14, 2016 |
| <i>Multi-Club Hunt.....</i> | <i>January 16, 2016</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | February 11, 2016 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>February 13, 2016</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | March 10, 2016 |
| <i>Save A Fawn Hunt.....</i> | <i>March 26, 2016</i> |
| APC General Meeting..... | April 14, 2016 |
| <i>Hunt.....</i> | <i>April 16, 2016</i> |
| APC Awards Banquet..... | May 12, 2016 |

APC Hunts are held on the Saturday following the General Meetings.

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Club hunting events are in italic 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.

Mexican Wolf Reintroduction

From: Jim de Vos <JdeVos@azgfd.gov>

Date: May 6, 2015 at 5:22:16 PM MST

Subject: Wolf Video

Interested Conservation Entities –

Below is a link to a recently completed Arizona Game and Fish Department video relating the latest successes with a reintroduction program for the Mexican Wolf. Hopefully you and your membership will find this information of interest in developing an understanding of the activities related to this successful program. Please distribute this link to your membership and post it on your website to enhance people's understanding of this program.

<https://youtu.be/IfMg24z1lsY>

Yours in Conservation,

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Classified Ads

This rug belongs to a friend of mine, It is a black bear taken in Alaska approximately 60 years ago. It squares at about 5', the back paws are gone, some damage on the front paws, the head is in fair shape as is the body. Could probably be used as a throw rug in a cabin in front of a fireplace. Asking \$125.00, or best offer. **Call Dusty 602-228-3363**



Sharing The Adventure



A friend of John Arterburn named Mark Rosseler shot this wild hog using an AR-10 .308 caliber in Florida backwoods wetlands.

The area where this hog was harvested is Cedar Key, Tiger Island. It is a mixed forest and swamp near Swannee River.

Lots of hogs, deer and turkey.

Stan Schepers has an open invitation to APC members or prospective members for one-on-one training on skinning and preparing your fur for sale.

Stan can be reached at **602-499-0505**.

Membership Report

Welcome New Members:

Gregory Krane of Tonopah

Adrain Alvarez of Peoria

Javier Hernandez of Mesa

Russ State of San Marcos, California

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Jeff Heinze and Larry Erickson

Expiring Soon:

Eric Ahlstrom, Shad Archibald, Michael DiPede, Bill Hudzietz, Don Martin, Mark Miller and Cameron Pinta

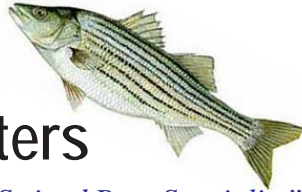
Recently expired. We'd love to have you back:

Craig Barnett, Duane Blau, Sid Chalasani, Bill Cirelli, Ron Day, Chuck Hagen, Jim Hawkins, Parker Heywood, Chip Hidlinger, Steve Jansen, Treavor Jorgensen, Jerry Lape, Robert LaVoie, Don Lions, Bill McCance, Paul Melching, Danny Nielson, Randy Pinson, Steve Smoot, Jared Tompkinson, Larry Walden, Scott Wardlaw

Please renew your APC membership before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of "Predator Pride". The membership form is available on the last page of the newsletter.

Capt. Don Martin

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Arizona conservationists to be honored at 2015 Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet

PHOENIX - The Arizona Game and Fish Department, together with the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation, will induct four individuals and one organization into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will take place during the 18th annual Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet on **Saturday, Aug. 22**, at the Chaparral Suites Scottsdale, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250.

The inductees for this year's event include:

- Longtime **U.S. Senator John McCain** has worked arduously for decades to enhance and protect the Game and Fish Department and Commission's wildlife management and conservation efforts. His commitment to conservation and as a steward of our diverse and unique natural resources has been exhibited throughout his congressional career. He has advocated on behalf of public recreation and access opportunities; sportsmen's issues, including development of shooting ranges and sport-fish angling; forest health and wildfire issues; and the California condor program.
- **Former Game and Fish Commissioner John W. Harris** not only served Arizona as a commissioner, but was a Wildlife for Tomorrow booster who focused much of his energy toward promoting recruitment and retention of fellow conservationists, license simplification and reintroduction of bighorn sheep to the Catalina Mountains.
- **Navajo County rancher Jim O'Haco** comes from a long family history of ranchers and has worked closely with the department on critical wildlife habitat programs.
- **Dan Priest** has served as a hunting guide and has been active in conservation efforts. In 1997, he quietly established Arizona Outdoor Adventures, a charity that has taken hundreds of underprivileged boys and girls camping and fishing in Arizona's outdoors.
- **Audubon Arizona** is an influential conservation force within the state that has worked to help with multiple conservation and education efforts.

The event will include a social hour and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 7 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony. The evening will also feature a live auction, exciting raffle prizes and musical entertainment by the Back Porch Bandits.

Individual tickets are \$70. A table for 10 is \$700. A table of ten and a full-page ad in the full-color banquet brochure is \$1,200. To purchase tickets online, go to the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's website at www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/hof and follow the instructions. You may also call Duane Wellnitz (WFT board member and ticket chairman) at (480) 747-0611 or e-mail contact@wildlifefortomorrow.org.

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was developed in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to honor those who have made significant contributions to Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources and the state's outdoor heritage.

Wildlife for Tomorrow was created in 1990 to enhance the management, protection and enjoyment of Arizona's fish and wildlife resources. The foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide additional support for projects and education activities where traditional resources are not adequate.

For more information, visit www.wildlifefortomorrow.org.

2015-2016 APC Officers

Elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were held at the May 14th meeting. These are your new officers.



*President
John Arterburn*



*Vice President
Dennis Slade*



*Secretary
Hank Scutoski*



*Treasurer
Jerry Thorson*

May APC Meeting Highlights



2014-2015 Year End Award Winners were, from left to right:
Dave Ramsey for the Save A Fawn Hunt, **Chuck Flewelling** was Novice Caller of the Year, **Jim O'Dell** was Expert Caller of the Year and **John Arterburn** received Amateur Caller of the Year award. Not pictured is **Rich Higgins** who received the Sportsman of the Year award.

Thanks to **Dusty Mosier**, Hunt Chairman for compiling the scores and also thanks to **Jerry Thorson** for providing the fine meal from Waldo's BBQ.





Raffle Winners



Door Prize Winners



Hank Scutoski was the lucky winner of the May firearm raffle, winning this fine shotgun.



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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Explain ethical and humane hunting and firearm safety2 Explain the physical traits that make a predator3 Explain the behavioral traits that make a predator4 Explain predator social structures5 Explain vocalizations | 8/15/15 |
| 9/10/15 | Fox Bobcat and Scouting Technology | <ol style="list-style-type: none">6 What do the different predators hunts7 How often does each predator hunt and when do they hunt8 Explain what each predator does when it's not hunting and where it can be found9 Explain what attracts each predator, then how you attract them10 Explain what deters or frightens each predator11 Explain what gives a predator security & what this means12 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">13 Explain where to find each predator in the desert, forest, or prairies14 Explain scouting for predators and record keeping15 Explain conditions to be considered for a predator stand16 Explain how to approach a predators band17 Explain what to do in the predator stand and how long to do it and how to leave the predator spam18 How many stands do you need and how often do you return to withstand | Boot Camp 10/10/15 |
| 11/12/15 | Coyote | <ol style="list-style-type: none">19 Explain what clothes to wear and body odor20 Explain which fire arms and what equipment to use21 Explain hunting and a pair and hunting by yourself or trio22 Explain time of day to hunt predator during seasons of year | 11/14/15 |
| 12/10/15 | Skinning & Fur Preparation | <ol style="list-style-type: none">23 Explain coyote lifecycle and associated calling techniques which vary according to lifecycle24 Carcass dosposal, night hunting, moon cycles25 Explain the difference in distance between calling stand when driving versus walking | 12/12/15 |
| 1/14/16 | Technology & Multi Club Hunt | <ol style="list-style-type: none">26 Talk about using a ladder sitting standing laying down27 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 | Multi Club Hunt 1/16/16 |
| 2/11/16 | Calling with E-caller & hand | <ol style="list-style-type: none">30 Talk about hunting on private land and public land31 Talk about shooting proficiency each year and citing equipment in each year32 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 | 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 | Save A Fawn Hunt 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

Beginning Balance

4-01-15.....\$8,220.99

Waldos BBQ.....(\$422.84)
 Donation to BOW.....(\$500.00)
 Awards, Cash Presentations.....(\$400.00)
 1876 Tournament Supply.....(\$366.52)
 Walmart.....(\$13.92)
 Matthews Crossing Donation.....(\$500.00)
 Pinnacle Peak Ace Hdwr..... (\$358.61)
 AZ Corp Commission.....(\$10.00)

Memberships.....\$440.00
 ATM Deposit.....\$35.00
 ATM Deposit.....\$30.00

6/26/15 end balance.....\$6,154.10

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....\$100.70
 Call Sales.....\$0.00

Dues Received.....\$95.00
 Raffles Received.....\$344.00
 Deposit to Checking.....(\$410.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....\$129.70

Total cash.....\$6,283.80

Total Inventory of Goods.....\$1,354.75

Total Assets.....\$7,638.55

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out.

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

10/9/14 Don Canine.....Calling Coyotes Like the Pros
 4/9/15 Jerry Brady.....Calling Predators
 3/13/14 Jerry Snodgrass.....Coyote Behavior
 4/9/15 John Anderson.....Coyote Rage-Free Grass
 and No Fences
 4/9/15 Jerry Brady.....Crazy Like a Coyote
 11/9/14 Chip Hidinger.....Nail Em AZ Style
 5/14/15 Doug Williams.....Operation Predator VI

Thanks *Jerry*

August Events

APC General Meeting.....August 13, 2015
 Club Hunt.....August 15, 2015

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

Arizona Predator Callers Predator Hunting Code of Ethics

1. We will abide by all wildlife laws and regulations.
2. We will abide by club and event rules and any participant or member found to be in violation of the law or such rules would be banned from future events and membership.
3. We will conduct ourselves in a manner so as not to bring discredit or dishonor to the sport by:
 - Disposing of skinned or otherwise unusable carcasses properly and out of public view.
 - Disposing of all trash properly.
 - Not disturbing domestic livestock.
 - Not trespassing.
4. We will report, to the proper authorities, any unlawful activity we observe while in the field with as much information as can be obtained safely.
5. We will assist the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* in acquiring animals needed for research and collection of management data.
6. We will conduct ourselves at all times with a regard for the future of all hunting.
7. We will handle firearms and other implements safely and insist upon the same of others.
8. We will respect the land and the rights of landowners.
9. We will respect and honor the rights and space of other people encountered in the field.
10. We will demonstrate our respect for wildlife, the environment and the land by abiding by this in our Code of Ethics.
11. We will strive to educate all hunters regarding the ethics of the hunt and the proper role of sportsmen in our society.
12. We will promote appropriate uses of the animals taken through the proper handling of pelts and making donations of the edible portions thereof to animal rehabilitation centers for the benefit of injured and orphaned wildlife.
13. We will compile data and furnish it to the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* as requested to aid in the management and study of predators.
14. We will cease the pursuit of any predator species deemed in danger of extirpation by the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* or other official wildlife management agency.
15. We will encourage other clubs and organizations to remove from their membership roles any person found guilty of violating wildlife laws and regulations and to adopt and abide by the is Code of Ethics.



Arizona Predator Callers - Club Hunt

Aug 15, 2015

The camping & check-in location for this month's club hunt will be on the Dobson-Timberline Ranch (private property) located east of Show Low. You are welcome to camp both Friday and Saturday nights. This is a beautiful location next to a pond.

Here are the driving directions:

1. Starting at far eastside of Show Low at the junction of US 60 & SR61, drive east approximately 9.5 miles to mile marker 362.2.
2. There are two landmarks to look for:



As you approach mile marker 362 you will see this sign on the South side of the road. It is almost directly across the road from the entrance to our camping area. Do not go into this ranch. This is the gate on the North side of the road you want to go through. The sign says "No Hunting Private Property". We're sure everyone will remember to close the gate.³

Turn left (North) onto the gated ranch road, and follow the APC markers to the camping location which is approximately 0.4 miles to the NW. You should be able to see the APC trailer. The coordinates for this road/gate are: N34° 16.3256' W109° 40.3173'

4. Here's a map:



Print this page and take it with you on the hunt.

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: _____ Hm Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____
email address: _____

ARIZONA PREDATOR CALLERS LIABILITY RELEASE: by signing below I understand that I will not hold APC and/or APC board of directors, officers, committee Members, Judges, Members, and volunteers responsible in any way for accidents, losses, judgments, or any Act of God that may happen while participating in any APC sponsored or co-sponsored meeting or event. APC policy is to promptly report to law enforcement all suspected abuse and sexual molestation. Have you been convicted of a Crime? ____ Yes ____ No.

Signature: _____

Additional Family Members

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

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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