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### The President's Message

by John Arterburn, APC President

I want to thank **Tyler Higgins** for coming to speak on hunting coyotes. He included the club members in his presentation asking how they accomplished the different tasks he presented. As with many things in life there are many paths to the same destination.



I believe there are 12 ways to skin a cat, in a manner of thinking. When you find something that works stick with it, but understand why it works. You should do this because you may fund out there are 11 other ways that work as well. You may also find out any of them will work as long as you use or do at least one of them, and not forget that step of the process.

We had the club hunt after our last meeting. You will also remember my two stories from last month's meeting about the stand I did before work one morning with coyotes all around me but none would come in. Then pulling on the shirtsleeve of my hunt partner Hank to show him the coyote that was right next to us. Things were adventurous and improved on the club hunt this month.

**Marco Riccota** and I went out Saturday afternoon to start hunting. We debated the stand where I was surrounded by coyotes, or across a river he traversed in bare feet and rolled up pants. We chose the river crossing.

The river was a little deeper this time of year and running a little faster. We used our shooting sticks and a pair of hiking poles I had in my truck. The river was running waist deep so we elected to wear our boots and made it across. This is when you need good equipment built to go under water. We found fresh tracks in all directions. Tracks from most all species as well. The wind was giving us fits as it changed directions busting our stands. We had to travel good lengthy distances to work with the wind and our scent cones. We were only able to make three stands and were not successful. I will never say lucky because luck has no place in what we all do. You do it correct of go home empty handed.

My pants had dried on the other side of the river in time to come back across and start the drying process all over again. We got to the

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

check at 7:00pm and met everyone else. We talked about glowing clothes, a discussion from the meeting and how I checked out my clothes before this hunt. I had found a jacket I was going to use glowed like a neon light. It was a little cold that evening in my knee-high snake boots filled with water. I did not realize they were full of water until I got home and took them off.

Sunday morning Marco and I went out to the area where I had made the stand before work one morning. We only had time for three stands. We went into the area from a different direction. I started calling on the first stand. Staring off with a group howl, coyote pups in distress deer fawn and finally gray fox in distress. We had just pasted 16 minutes when I was ready to end the stand. Out of the corner of my eye was a coyote 10 yards or less who was coming to the decoy. No pulling sleeves this time. As I turned to him he say me and started to run. I shot and he kept running. He got to maybe 30 yards when I shot again and he tumbled behind a cactus. I went up to get him and he was gone. I could smell him but could not find him.

The next stand Marco said do the same things I did at the last stand. This time I had a ladder backed into a tree with good visibility but no coyotes. As we were closing stand we could here them about a mile away.

We drove to the area we estimated the sound to have come from. We found a very dense area of brush and trees. We made a stand about fifty yards from the dense area against a Palo Verde and cactus.

This was our last stand and I used the same calling sequence except. A few minutes into the stand I saw a glimpse of movement in the thick. I watched all directions around that area for minutes, nothing. A few minutes later another glimpse a little further back in that area. Like something was trying to come around down wind, but it was so minor I thought it was wishful thinking. At about 20 minutes I was ready to close the stand when out comes a coyote from that area. It was looking at the decoy up wind of our position. Remembering Tyler and a video I was watching this week, they both said to stay calm, think, and wait for a good shot. Up to this point I had hurried three shots this season and missed all three.

**Scott Francom** had talked about staying still until the coyote moved. As the coyote headed over to go after the decoy I moved and he stopped and looked up at me on the ladder with my shotgun in my lap. I guess Scott meant when they move behind something you can move. I stayed calm staring back, thinking I have got to take better notes when the guys tell me something important. We sat there for maybe 10 to 15 seconds looking at each other. I am thinking about my clothes and are they glowing. Then I thought this is so cool he cannot tell what I am. He slowly turned and started walking around cactus. This was when I raised my shotgun and fired, harvest accomplished. We sat for a few more minutes running the call waiting for others who chose not to show.

This sports like any other, takes many things, which have to be done correctly. This can be accomplished at least two ways I see so far. Time in the field, or listening and learning every chance you have. Most important, remembering what you learn in the field or in my case remembering the whole point about when to move.

Take care,

John Arterburn

John's November APC Hunt Harvest



## **December Meeting Program**

## "Skinning Demo and Fur Prep"

Join us for our continuing program on predator hunting. Stan Shepers is scheduled to provide a demonstration on skinning and how to prepare your fur for sale/auction.

Further topics during the meeting will include: The Life Cycle and associated calling techniques which vary according to lifecycle, Carcass disposal, night hunting, moon cycles, the difference in distance between calling stands when driving versus walking.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is Thursday, December 10, 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.



# **Hunt and Events Calender**

APC General Meeting......December 10, 2015

NO DECEMBER CLUB HUNT

APC General Meeting.....January 14, 2016 Multi-Club Hunt......January 16, 2016 Youth Javelina Camp......January 21-24, 2016 APC General Meeting.....February 11, 2016 Hunt.....February 13, 2016 APC General Meeting......March 10, 2016 Griffin Ranch Clean Up......April 2, 2016 APC General Meeting......April 14, 2016 Hunt......April 16, 2016 APC Awards Banquet.......May 12, 2016

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.

# **Hunt Report**

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to hunt the Multi-Club Hunt on 16 January. I thought I would go over a few of the rules for the hunt.

The check-in ends at 8 pm as per John Arterburns cell phone. There will be someone there by 5:30 pm to start accepting animals. The points go as follows; Lions are 100 pts, Bobcats are 50 pts, Coyotes are 10 pts, and everything else (ie, badger, skunks, ring tails, fox) are 5 pts. All animals must be taken legally in Arizona, on the 16th of January 2016. No frozen animals nor road-kill will be accepted.

When you arrive at the check-in go immediately to the sign-in table and register your team and turn in any harvests. You will be directed to where to drop off your animals. Then go get something to eat and drink, APC will be providing dinner for all those who attend. As of now the menu is; grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, potato salad, chips, cookies, water, & pop. If you would like something stronger to drink, bring your own, just keep in mind the drive home.

The club with the most points at 8 pm will win and they will get to host next years hunt. APC members, we need as much participation as possible as the competition is always strong.

Stan Shepers will do a skinning demonstration at our next meeting. If you are successful in the field just prior to the meeting, please bring in your harvest for the skinning demonstration. Nothing that is frozen.

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



# Volunteer Opportunities

#### **Beginners Small Game & Youth Javelina Camp**

APC will be looking for volunteers to be mentors as well as helping with setup, registration, etc. Contact Kara Jensen if you are interested in helping out. It does not need to be every day. kara.jensen.az@gmail.com

When: Jan 21 - 24, 2016

Where: Florence area, Unit 37B (map)

Description: Learn from the experienced hunters and Wildlife Mangers on where and how to hunt quail, jackrabbits and predators (all aged hunters) as well as javelina for youth with 37B tags, meals provided.

Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters, Arizona Elk Society

Register: John McGehee, JMcgehee@azgfd.gov, (520)628-5376

#### Adopt-A-Ranch Trash Pickup at Griffin Ranch April 2, 2016

APC has been involved in the Adopt-A-Ranch program for some years and is committed to the Griffin Ranch (north of Globe) for litter pickup. Unfortunately, we've not been out to this ranch for several years and it's time we get back to supporting this program. APC has scheduled **April 2, 2016** for our litter pickup event. The Game& Fish Department will supply trash bags, gloves, long-handled pickers, shovels and a trailer to haul away the trash. We just need to supply people to pickup the trash. Bring your entire family. This is a great way to get your kids involved in conservation projects. This is in Hunt Unit 24A so this is also an opportunity to get some first-hand knowledge about the area.

Griffin Ranch is located about 20 miles north of Globe. From Globe drive north on Hwy 60 then turn west on Haystack Butte Rd and look for our signs. Also, if you want to make a weekend of it the Jones Water camp ground is nearby. It is No Fee, has 12 camp sites and 2 vault toilets. It is first come first served.

#### Here's a little information about the program.

In 1992 the Arizona Game and Fish Department initiated a new program called Adopt-A-Ranch. The idea for this program was patterned after the Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway Program. Nearly 30 Adopt-A-Ranch projects are completed every year to help maintain access on about 2 million acres of land. Under the Adopt-A-Ranch Program, groups of interested public (e.g., sportsman groups, boy scouts, 4-wheeling clubs) "adopt" a ranch with the idea of working directly with the landowners and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to mitigate problems associated with public recreational access. The volunteer group visits the ranch one or two times a year to perform regular maintenance, such as rebuilding fence, hanging gates, picking up litter, or helping with various ranch improvement projects. The Adopt-a-Ranch Program is funded by the portion of the Heritage Fund which is designated for public access. The public access portion of the AZ Lottery-generated funds support this program, along with others, to mitigate recreational access issues, improve relations between sportsmen and landowner/lessees, improve wildlife habitat, promote good sportsman ethics, and maintain/increase public access.

# UV Brightener Laundry Detergents

On Fri, Nov 13, 2015 at 1:45 PM, Hank Scutoski wrote:

I thought you might be interested in this.

After last night's discussion on UV brighteners I remembered that I had studied this issue a few years ago and treated my camo with UV Killer from Atsok. However, I ran out of the UV Killer and never checked any of my new equipment. Atsok recommends shinning a black light on the item to duplicate what an animal would see. So this morning I pulled out my newer stuff and looked at it with a black light. SHOCK! Most of it looked okay, but my Jack Rabbit decoy from Montana Decoy glowed like a full moon. Of all things I would not want to glow, my decoy has to be at the top of the list.

I then went to the GoPro video I shot and looked at it frame-by-frame. It appears that both the javelina and coyote changed direction as soon as they saw the decoy. I can't prove that it was the UV brighteners that caused this, but it's clear to me that there was absolutely no benefit to using the decoy. If anything, it scared them off.

Take a look at the photos below. For comparison I included a recently purchase face mask from Primos that has not been treated with UV Killer. It looks okay.

I now have a bottle of UV Killer on order and plan to treat all of my new gear whether or not it glows under black light.









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#### Arizona Game and Fish realigns Wildlife branches to improve efficiency

November 18, 2015

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Department is restructuring programs to improve the agency's conservation and protection of Arizona's wildlife. This restructuring is the result of the Department's continuing improvement strategy and will take effect in January 2016.

The new comprehensive wildlife management structure consolidates conservation efforts into two branches, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch and Aquatic Wildlife Branch, focusing on the Department's science-based management of all 800 species of wildlife in Arizona.

**Kurt Davis**, Chairman of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission shared, "The Department recognizes and endorses our traditional wildlife programs of game and nongame management to include our fisheries resources, our habitat maintenance responsibility and the need to keep common species common. This action expands the Department's capacity to manage all wildlife, in our diverse ecological heritage."

"This improved structure enables our talented workforce to use the best science to conserve and protect Arizona's incredible array of wildlife species," said **Department Director Larry D. Voyles.** "In an era of shrinking fiscal resources, this realignment follows **Governor Doug Ducey's** direction that government should be lean, efficient and effective. Realignment gives the Department greater financial flexibility while increasing efficiency."

The Department's primary responsibility is the conservation and protection of wildlife, while fiscal responsibility is also a high priority. The agency receives no Arizona general fund tax dollars. By carefully managing its resources and personnel and operating as a business, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is able to deliver world-class wildlife conservation at no cost to the Arizona taxpayer. For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov.

#### Governor Ducey makes appointment to Game and Fish Commission

Nov. 27, 2015

PHOENIX - Governor Doug Ducey has appointed Eric Slocum Sparks to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Mr. Sparks is an attorney practicing in Tucson since 1987, specializing in debtor bankruptcy law and business reorganizations. Before opening his own firm in 1990, Mr. Sparks served as general counsel to several corporations, such as the Wilson Companies, GHR Energy Corporation, Bayou Asphalt Corp., and corporate counsel to Tenneco Inc. in Houston.

Additionally, Mr. Sparks has served as an international advocate for sustainable wildlife and habitat management. Mr. Sparks has contributed extensively to conservation and resource projects, boards and committees, including Water for Wildlife Foundation and Safari Club International. Mr. Sparks also has served as Legal Committee Vice Chairman of Safari Club International (1999-2009), the Safari Club International Museum, Boys and Girls Club of Tucson Board of Directors (1994-1999), Golden Eagle Firearms Corporation Board of Directors, and the Water for Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors (1987-1997), among others. Mr. Sparks' enthusiasm for year-round outdoors activities is shared by his friends and family.

Mr. Sparks is a member of the Pima County Bar Association, the State Bar of Arizona, the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association. Mr. Sparks has received numerous awards and recognition for his community service, including a Special Recognition from the State Bar of Arizona and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for pro bono services in consumer cases (2008), and was named Pima County Bar Association's Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney (2005). A popular public speaker, Mr. Sparks has taught classes and made presentations on various aspects of the legal profession.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Sparks earned his Juris Doctor degree from John Marshall Law School in 1972, ranking eighth in his class. He also received a Certificate of Completion from Harvard Business School in Government Policy and Management. He has been appointed for a five-year term, effective Jan. 18, 2016, to replace outgoing Commissioner Robert Mansell, whose term is expiring.

Mr. Sparks' appointment requires confirmation by the Arizona Senate.

# November ANC Meeting Highlights



**Tyler Higgins** gave a very informative presentation on coyotes in Arizona



**Dave Warren** was the lucky winner of the November firearm raffle. Dave chose the Remington "Predator" Bolt action 22-250.



Raffle Winners



**Door Prize Winners** 

## December Firearm Raffle



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# AGFD Predator, Furbearer and Large Carnivore Biologist Report by April Howard



As the weather cools down and the snow begins to fall in the high country we tend to see an increase in mountain lion hunting. An important thing to consider when processing your harvest, whether it is a mountain lion or any other wildlife, is protection from diseases. Mountain lions are at risk of getting a variety of diseases, including those common to domestic cats, but little is known about their rates of illness.

In 2007, a wildlife biologist in the Grand Canyon National Park contracted and died of primary pneumonic plague acquired through the inhalation of aerosols generated while conducting a necropsy on an infected mountain lion. The biologist believed that the mountain lion was killed by another lion and did not suspect disease to be the source of mortality. Therefore, he did not wear gloves or a mask. Felines are considered highly susceptible to plague and the mountain lion was most likely exposed through fleabites or by consuming infected prey. This is not the first case in the U.S. of human plague contracted from wild carnivores. This brings to light the importance of using personal protective equipment when handling wildlife and to exercise more caution in areas where wildlife diseases, such as the plague, are endemic. In Arizona, *Yersinia pestis*-infected fleas can be found above the Mogollon Rim. Anyone handling wildlife in those areas should take adequate precautions to protect themselves from infection by routinely wearing gloves when handling tissues and exercising vigilant hand hygiene.

This information should not serve as an alert to any current wildlife health concerns we are aware of but should simply act as a reminder to always take the necessary precautions when handling wildlife.

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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 Meeting Topics

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 Predator Callers Workshop  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 predator stand  17 Explain what to do in the predator stand and how long to do it and how to leave the predator  18 How many stands do you need and how often do you return to the stand	
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	No Hunt
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.	

#### **December Events**

APC General Meeting......December 10, 2015

December Hunt is Cancelled

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

## APC Video Library

The following indviduals have videos checked out.

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

4/9/15	Jerry Brady	Calling Predators
3/13/14	Jerry Snodgrass	Coyote Behavior
10/8/15	Clayton Harper	Coyote Rage-Free Grass
		and No Fences
4/9/15	Jerry Brady	Crazy Like a Coyote
10/8/15	Art Gransee	Eyes Front 3
11/9/14	Chip Hidinger	Nail Em AZ Style
10/8/15	Clayton Harper	Operation Predator II



## **Membership Report**

#### Welcome New Members:

Kent Clark of Mesa, Frost Darrin of Mesa, Malcolm Ord of Gilbert, Tyler Higgins of Mesa, Brian Larrick of San Tan Valley and Juston Haley of Tempe

#### **Expiring Soon:**

Jason Alvarado, Christian Lizardi, D. Mickey Maradith and Skip Mikolajczyk

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

Jason Agresta, Bill Baber, Craig Barnett, Duane Blau, Dan Carey, Sid Chalasani, Bill Cirelli, Troy Clark, Ron Day, Michael PiPede, Dustin Gransee, Art Gransee, Jim Hawkins, Robert Hedrick, Parker Heywood, Chip Hidlinger, Bill Hudzietz, Steve Jansen, Treavor Jorgensen, Jerry Lape, Robert LaVoie, Joel Letcher, Don Lions, Tiana Mamaradlo, Craig Maris, Bill McCance, Paul Melching, David Morris, Jason Mosier, Michael Munroe, Danny Nielson, James Petersen, Randy Pinson, Cameron Pinta, Sam Rymond, Jonathan Smith, Steve Smoot, Jared Tompkinson, Ronald Towles, Loren Vickers, Ken Waddill, Scott Wardlaw, Doug Williams and Michael Zaccardi

# Success in the Field

Here are a few pics from the Saturday November 14th APC Hunt. **Alec Hedrick**, novice, went out with **Ken Eaton** for a long day of calling. Alec took his first coyote with his 17HMR.





Alec Hedrick

Ken Eaton

The stand looked great but the wind direction sucked! A big open area for Alec's rifle and thick vegetation for my shotgun. The problem was that the wind was wrong, from the open to the brush instead of the other way around. But we would make do since I didn't want our scent plume to cross more of this honeyhole. I put Alec sitting down with dead wood behind him and his rifle on my sticks and walked 20 yards downwind and set up in the shade of a mesquite. My feather decoy was 5 yards in front of me and slightly to my left, since I am right handed.

Two minutes of calling with my Orion Shortie and I see a coyote bounding through the low brush at full speed. I sit still and let it get as close as I can, As usual, the wind had shifted during the stand set-up, and the coyote crossed Alec's scent about 15 yards in front of me. As the coyote did his 180 swap end I move the barrel about an inch and pulled the trigger! He goes down and immediately gets up and runs, so I cycle and pull the trigger again. As I look at the coyote down on the ground, I see another running away, about 50 yards away. A few more seconds and I could have had a double, but a sure thing beats a maybe and I am satisfied.

It is only 3 minutes so I go back to calling, this time with my Orion Muzzlebreak and at 9 minutes I hear Alec bark(we had had a talk on the way out about head or pocket shots only with his .17HMR). Bang, then another bark, another bang, and a final bark. Alec stopped the first of 3 coyotes and put a round through it's forehead, at 20 yards! DRT. The other two were about a hundred yards out when he shot and they turned around. We will get them the next time.

Two harvested out of five called in, not bad. And my wad from the shotgun was in the tracks of the coyote where he turned around!

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Send your articles and photos to: johnalbin1@msn.com

# Success in the Field



Ken Eaton

#### More from the November APC Hunt:

Four stands in, only the second productive, but boy was it good!

We were stopped overlooking a brushy wash and my mouth started drooling. I was thinking bobcat when Alec asks, "what is that?" In the two track crossing the wash is a coyote, staring at us. I whisper, "don't move," as the coyote moves across the opening and into the brush. Just before he disappears he stops and stares for a few seconds.

We sit for a minute before unloading and heading downwind. We parallel the wash for about 150 yards and set up with Alec on the flat top of a short sand mound and me on the slope. 3 1/2 minutes on my Orion Muzzlebreak and here he comes trotting, head and tail up and ready for brunch! I wait for his head to turn toward Alec, who, it turns out is skylined at that point, and I pull the trigger. Paced off, it is 27 yards to where he dropped when the load of lead BB hit him.

A javelina came in just 7 ½ minutes after I started calling, then five minutes later a coyote. I shot the coyote and then ten seconds later a second coyote came walking in. I had the sights of my 12 gauge magnum on the second coyote when I discovered my autoloader had jammed. That coyote made a quick 180 and took off. Then I saw that the first coyote was far from dead and trying to get up. I quickly cleared the jam, fired again and missed. The gun jammed a second time and again I cleared the jam just in time to take a third shot as the covote was now hobbling down the wash. Got it! That's the fastest I've ever cleared a jammed gun. I posted my GoPro video on the APC FaceBook page if you want to see the action.



Hank Scutoski harvested this fine coyote November 9th.



# Multi-Club Hunt January 16, 2016

The 2016 Multi-Club Hunt is hosted by the 2015 Multi-Club Champions, the Arizona Predator Callers.

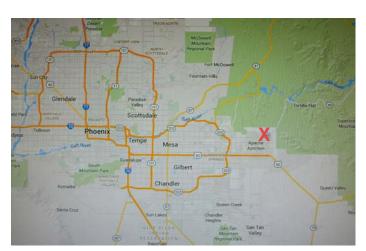
This event is open to all members of APC, PVCI, XPC and SAWC.

This event determines *bragging rights* for the most prolific predator calling/hunting group in Arizona. Points will be awarded based on harvested species: Mountain Lion 100 points, Bobcat 50 points, Coyotes 10 points. Any other species will be 5 points (foxes, raccoon, badger, skunk, ring tails and weasel). All animals must be harvested legally in Arizona on the 16th of January, 2016. No frozen animals or road-kill will be scored.

**Check-in location** will be at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds, 1590 E. Lost Dutchman, Apache Junction, AZ 85219. It is about 1/2 mile east of Idaho Road and just west of Tomahawk. 33°26'12.7"N 111°31'30.9"W

**Check-in time** is from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM as determined by APC President John Arterburn's cellular phone time. Late check-ins will not be scored. When you arrive at the check-in, go immediately to the sign-in table and register your team. You will be directed to the location where your harvested animal is to be placed.

**Dinner** will be provided by APC. Menu consists of BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, potato salad, chips, cookies, water and soda. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 8:00 PM



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