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## The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

It is the beginning of a new year and I would like to begin it by thanking all of the guest speakers, officers and board members for their help and contributions this past year. Thank you one and all.

Today I am going to buy a 2015 Arizona hunting license and use it often this year beginning on Sunday. I will buy a lion tag and carry it in my wallet with hopeful optimism but knowing that over the course of the year it will form a figurative O in it's little compartment just as the past tags have. To make a difference I have to do something different, like maybe target lions and hunt lions. But I probably won't. Coyotes fascinate me, cats don't. I will continue to call coyotes, study coyotes, talk coyotes at every opportunity and share my passion with kindred spirits. I will ask questions of LEOs, Game and Fish personnel, ranchers and farm hands, hikers, hunters and anyone who walks a dog near coyote habitat. I will ask our APC members to share interesting stories of their exploits and adventures while calling predators. We have a website and a facebook page that are terrific forums for sharing and learning.

We will share our passion at the APC exhibition booth at Sportsman's Warehouse in Mesa on January 17 and at the AZG&F Expo an Ben Avery in March. Anyone who wishes to volunteer will be welcome. APC has a number of events planned for the coming year and we will keep everyone informed on the website, the facebook page, in the newsletter and at the monthly meetings.

Our speaker this month is the redoubtable **Stan Shepers**. Stan is a long time member and past president of APC. He is a firearms safety instructor and gives seminars and demos on many subjects at many wildlife organizations in the state. Stan will give a hands on tutorial/demo on skinning and fur prep. The fur auction is scheduled for February. Get top dollar for your pelts and learn how to put up your fur from one of the best.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting on Thursday. Good luck and good calling to all of you this year.

Call 'em close,

*Rich*



Rich Higgins, in his camo netting, eyes a coyote that has come to the call.

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## Membership Report

**We welcome New members:**

**Jason Alvarado** of Mesa,  
**Christian Lizardi and Richard Thompson** of Chandler,  
**D. Mickey Meredith** of Apache Junction

**Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:**

**Skip Mikolajczyk** of Phoenix

**Expiring Soon:**

**Craig Barnett, Duane Blau, Marv Buck, Bill Cirail, Stephen Crooks, Larry Eichman, Scott Fribbs, Charlie Iannacone, Treavor Jorgansen, Jim O'Dell, Joseph Porath, Jared Tompkinson, Mike Vore**

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

**Trent Barber, Ken Bird, Don Canine, Sid Chalasani, Ron Day, Chuck Flewelling, Susan Frabotta, Chuck Hagen, Jim Hawkins, Parker Heywood, Steve Jansen, Jerry Lape, Robert LaVole, Don Liona, Paul Melching, Steve Miller, Wayne Moss, James Petersen, Leanna Potter, Marco Ricotta, James Ringle, Mark Saunders, John Schwab, Jerry Snodgrass, AJ Suscavage, Scott Tamonski, Patrick Zerr**



## January Meeting Program "Preparing Your Fur for Sale"

The guest speaker for our January APC meeting will be **Stan Schepers**. Stan is an expert at skinning and preparing fur for getting the most at a fur sale. Stan will share his wisdom to help us all achieve our goal of selling our furs for maximum value. Don't miss this opportunity.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, January 8, 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.

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
12-01-14.....	\$15,507.87
Check #1864 Spec.Dinamics	(\$1,200.00)
Check #1865 TournmtSuply	(\$1,421.88)
Check #1866 Mntside Inn	(\$1,200.00)
Check #1867 Mntside Inn	(\$800.00)
Check #1870 Mntside Inn	(\$200.00)
Online / E-payments	
John Brown.....	(\$250.00)
Mike Burris.....	(\$80.16)
AWF affiliate memberships.....	(\$650.00)
WCCCC Withdrawal.....	(\$6,630.00)
<b>Deposits-</b>	
Memberships.....	\$1,170.00
WCCCC.....	\$3,130.28
<b>12/31/14 end balance.....</b>	<b>\$7,376.11</b>
Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....	\$0.00
Call Sales.....	\$9.00
Merchandise.....	\$0.00
Dues Received.....	\$105.00
Raffles Received.....	\$1,039.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$1,044.20)
<b>Petty Cash Ending Balance.....</b>	<b>\$99.80</b>
<b>Total cash.....</b>	<b>\$7,475.91</b>
<b>Total Inventory of Goods.....</b>	<b>\$1,574.75</b>
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$9,050.66</b>

## 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 Coytes Like the Pros
- 3/13/14 Jerry Snodgrass.....Coyote Behavior
- 10/9/14 Don Canine...Mastering the Art Predator Calling
- 11/9/14 Chip Hidiger.....Nail Em AZ Style
- 11/9/14 Doug Williams.....The Best of the West

Thanks *Jerry*

**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.**



# AGFD Furbearer Biologist Report

by April Howard



I spoke about access and land owners with the Wildlife Manager in Unit 21 which is one of the units we want to focus on. It doesn't sound like access is much of a problem in that area. Below is his response. Happy Hunting!

There really aren't any land owner conflicts in the unit, as it is almost entirely either BLM or National Forest. The one locked gate that can be a challenge is at the Horner Mountain Ranch. This gate was open about 6 years ago, but has been locked by a new owner. There are still two ways around the gate, but they are extremely rough and quad-only routes. One is through Cottonwood Tank off of Forest road 68D, and the other is through Chaulk Canyon, through Willow Springs off the road to Tule Mesa.

I would direct folks to Perry Mesa, as there are always coyotes found there. Another good spot is off the Dugas road, near I-17 on the south side of the road. There are always coyotes in there as well. You can also give them the incentive of finding feral hogs in and around the Sycamore Mesa area.

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## Hunt and Events Calender

- APC General Meeting.....January 8, 2015
- Multi-Club Hunt.....January 24, 2015**
- APC Board Meeting.....January 26, 2015
- ATA Fur Sale and Auction.....February 21, 2015
- Antelope Eater's Hunt.....March 7-8, 2015
- Save-A-Fawn Hunt.....March 21, 2015**

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.

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 OAL Range :46.00" to 46.99"

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# Fur Sale Information



## Arizona Trappers Association

The ATA will be having their annual fur sale on Saturday, **February 21, 2015** at the Gila County Fairgrounds near Globe, AZ. They will be accepting furs starting at noon on Friday February 20, 2015 and until 10:00 AM on Saturday. The auction will start after 10:00. For more information, contact:

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## North American Fur Auctions

North American Fur Auctions has announced that George and Cindy Seff have been appointed Receiving Agents for the Southwest United States for NA FA. This means you will now be able to get your furs to NAFA without expense of shipping and insurance costs. George and Cindy have established a route for meeting you at given locations in Arizona for dropping off your furs. Your furs will be tagged and checked in as well as insured upon receipt.

### Arizona Location and Pick-up Points for **January 10 and April 11, 2015:**

<b>Prescott, AZ</b>	6:30am - 7:00am	Home Depot Parking Lot Hwy 89
<b>Camp Verde, AZ</b>	9:00am - 9:30am	Dairy Queen Parking Lot Hwy 260/I-17
<b>Clints Well, AZ</b>	11:00am - 11:30am	Long Valley Service Hwy 287
<b>Winslow, AZ</b>	1:00pm - 1:30pm	Flying J Truck Stop Hwy 87/I-40

### Arizona Location and Pick-up Points for **January 23 and April 17, 2015:**

<b>Kingman, AZ</b>	7:00am - 7:30am	Flying J Truck Stop Andy Devine/I-40
<b>Bullhead City, AZ</b>	9:00am - 9:30am	Home Depot Parking Lot Hwy 95

### Arizona Location and Pick-up Points for **January 26 and April 20, 2015:**

<b>Flagstaff, AZ</b>	2:30pm - 3:00pm	Maverick Gas Station Hwy 491
<b>Ashfork, AZ</b>	5:00pm - 5:30pm	Shell Station 74 W. Lewis
<b>Seligman, AZ</b>	6:30pm - 7:00pm	Black Cat Parking Lot Rt 66

**For further information and other pick-up locations**, contact George and Cindy Seff, P.O. Box 762 Seligman, AZ 86337, 480-390-0723, email: [aztrappers@gmail.com](mailto:aztrappers@gmail.com)

Contact by email to receive a complete schedule and listing of pick-up locations.

# Success In The Field

*APC member Robert Elliott sent this email and photo to VP John Arterburn and the editor of Predator Pride to share with readers.*

Good morning John.

Tried to say hello after the meeting last week but you were swamped with people regarding the new calls.

Just wanted to tell you what a great rifle the Ruger American 22-250 is that I won at the November meeting. I put a Sightmark reflex sight on it for fast target acquisition and it is sighted in out to 100 yards.

I finally had a chance to take it out last Sunday and although not my first coyote by any means, it was the first with the new Ruger. Shot him 20 yards away and 10 feet from the call & decoy. We called in 4 in just 3 stands Sunday morning before we had to call it quits to make a Christmas party.

Thank you for making these rifles available at the meetings.

Sincerely  
Robert Elliott



## World Championship Coyote Calling Contest

The WCCCC was held in northern Arizona on December 11-14, 2014. Listed below are the results, showing the top ten teams.

	Team#	Name	Partner	Points
1	23	Geoff Nemnich	Layne Bangerter	15
2	50	Al Morris	Garvin Young	10
3	36	Adam Piestewa	Ty Woody	9
4	20	Leon Porter	Scott Van Sant	9
5	51	Clint Gardner	Todd Reidhead	8
6	28	Rhett Mathill	Stacey Morris	7
7	33	Charlie Innacone	Ryan von Seiger	7
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9	15	Jake Zebell	Lance Sellers	6
10	31	Lee Johnson	Tom Nealy	6

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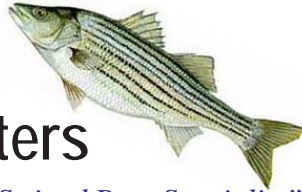


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# Multi-Club Hunt

The annual Multi-Club Hunt is scheduled for **January 24, 2015**. This event is an important hunt for our APC membership. It is for bragging rights as the best predator calling club in the state. We want every member to attend this hunt. If you hunt only one hunt during the year, this is the one to participate in.

The winning club receives the perpetual trophy to hang on their wall and will then host the event for the following year. By being the host club, we can choose the check-in location.

**This 2015 hunt check-in location will be out highway 93 north of Wickenburg.** Keep on 93 past the 89 road to Congress. Continue on 93 to Highway 71 and turn left. Look for the signs, probably XPC and look for our APC trailer. More information will be sent out as it becomes available from the host club, XPC.

Please join us as we take on XPC, PVCI and all other Arizona predator clubs to determine the best in Arizona. For more information, contact XPC President, **Kelly Lewis at 928-848-9326**. Keep an eye on their website for a map to the checkin location: <http://www.xtremepredatorcaller.com/#!>



## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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### 2015 Arizona pronghorn antelope and elk hunt draw booklet is online

Dec. 24, 2014

**Hunters can apply now with a [paper application](#); online application service expected to be available by early to mid January**

The 2015 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Hunt Draw Information [booklet](#) has been posted online by the Arizona Game and Fish Department at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw).

Hunters may now begin applying for hunt permit-tags issued through the drawing process by downloading a [paper application form](#) at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw) and submitting it by mail or by hand delivery. Paper applications may be submitted by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. Hand-delivered paper applications can be dropped off at any Game and Fish [office](#) until the deadline. **The online application service is anticipated to be available by early to mid-January.**

The deadline for applying for pronghorn antelope and elk hunts is **Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015** by 7 p.m. (MST). Applications must be received by the department by the deadline; postmarks don't count.

A valid Arizona hunting license or combination hunting/fishing license is required to apply for the draw. Because all licenses (other than the short-term license) are valid for 365 days, please check the dates on your license to make sure your license is valid as of the deadline day for the draw.

### Governor Brewer makes appointment to Arizona Game and Fish Commission

Jan. 2, 2015

From [news release](#) from the Governor's Office, Dec. 31, 2014

Governor Jan Brewer has appointed James Zieler to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Mr. Zieler has been with Salt River Project since 2008, and has served as Supply Chain Manager, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor and Safety & Security Coordinator. He previously served as Chief of Police for the St. Johns Police Department (1998-2007); Narcotics Agent, Gang Enforcement Officer and Deputy Sheriff with the Apache County Sheriff's Office (1991-98); and, Corrections Officer for the Arizona Department of Corrections.

Additionally, Mr. Zieler has served on numerous boards, including as President of the St. Johns Unified School District Board of Education (2010-2014); Executive Board Member of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee for the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona (1999-2007); Chair of the Apache County Local Emergency Planning Committee (2007-11); and, President of the Northeastern Arizona Police Association (2001), among others.

Mr. Zieler has volunteered as a hunter education instructor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department since 1999 and as a Reserve Police Officer for the St. Johns Police Department since 2008. He also served as Varsity Scout Coach for the Boy Scouts of America (1994-2014) and Youth Football Coach at St. Johns Middle School (2006-12).

Mr. Zieler obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Grand Canyon University (2002) and has an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Northland Pioneer College (1999). He has been appointed for a five-year term, effective Jan. 19, 2015, to replace outgoing Commissioner John Harris, whose term is expiring.



# December APC Meeting Highlights



Guest speakers at the December meeting were Dan Carey of Carey Custom Rifle Company (on left) and Kevin Edmondson of TC Armory LLC. They both informed the membership on suppressors.



Christian Lizardi was the raffle winner of the Bushmaster AR-15 rifle.



Some of the members listening to the guest speakers.





December Door Prize winners



December Raffle winners

### January Events

- APC Meeting .....January 8, 2015
- Multi-Club Hunt.....January 24, 2015
- APC Board Meeting.....Jan. 26, 2015

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

# *Thanksgiving Elk Hunt*

*by Dennis Slade, APC Member*

It all started several months ago when my friend Danny's son drew his first bull tag. He was out of state on a religious excursion and didn't even know he had the tag until he came home in October! I was very familiar with the unit, having elk hunted there dozens of times. The hunt was typical of the general elk tags in that it revolves around Thanksgiving, starting either the Friday before or the Friday after; this year it was after.

I had a miserable hunting season myself as I was plagued by mechanical problems with my truck. I replaced the injectors twice, three turbocharger, two tuners, new wiring harnesses and finally, the day we left on the hunt, my transmission went out. As I sit here and write this, I think I have it all ironed out and look forward to some productive calling this winter! Because I was skeptical of how my truck was behaving I told Danny that I could not tow his trailer and not to plan on my transportation. I headed to the range to check the zero on my rifle which was to be the backup rifle on the hunt when my transmission went out less than a mile from the house.

Because Danny could only stay through Sunday I decided to drive my Honda Accord so he could drive it home and I could stay and hunt with Dallin should he fail to connect the first weekend. I sure hoped I didn't need snow tires!

We had very warm and sunny weather for late November at 9000 feet. The camping was nice but I wasn't sure this would help the hunting. We had found a spot where there were a large number of elk, many of them in large herds and set up the trailer nearby. We had our only little meadow that was tucked in off the road about ¼ mile and very peaceful with a gorgeous view.

We scouted a little on Thanksgiving morning and then went back to camp for lunch. Our Thanksgiving dinner was cooked on the spot and included grilled pork loin as the main course with typical Thanksgiving side dishes such as yams and stuffing. I threw my sleeping bag on the ground and took a nap to sleep off dinner! This was some nice November weather!

Friday morning found us driving to our hopeful location a couple of miles away. The thermometer on the console read 17°. Poor Dallin was not a cold rat and had on every piece of clothing he had brought with him. We checked the meadow we had scouting and there wasn't an elk of any kind to be found. We moved across the road into the heavy timber of the burn and decided to catch them coming into their beds.

Two other trucks saw us cross the road on foot and decided we must have seen something so they stopped and tried to walk parallel to use through the timber. I turned and gave them my best stink eyes and they turned around. We bumped into a number of elk but nothing that Dallin wanted to shoot. He wanted a 6x6!

With all the activity in our area we decided to move somewhere else for the afternoon. We drove about 10 miles away and found the best wind to creep into the thick north slope of a typically very productive knoll. Dallin slung his Browning and off we went. I was in the lead and stopping every few steps to glass. After about 45 minutes I found a very nice 6x6 bull trying to sneak away. He was standing there watching his back trail. I pointed him out to Dallin who shouldered his rifle and took the shot. The bull was about 120 yards away and at the shot, didn't even flinch nor did his companions. Before Dallin could get a second shot he ran over a ridge and was immediately greeted by a gun shot. We were heart broke that Dallin had chased this bull right to someone else but he did have his shot. Those were the last elk we saw opening day.

I decided to move somewhere even more remote in hopes to have some unmolested bulls. Saturday morning we drove past Big Lake and to another knoll I knew. We immediately found elk and tried to herd them in a direction that would spook everything else- bad plan. They ran the opposite direction and spooked a bunch of other elk, including a decent bull. We continued on and sneaked around the north side and went even slower. After about 30 minutes I found two more bulls feeding together in a little shady spot in some ponderosa pines. I quickly determined that one of the bulls was very big. I lined Dallin up for a shot but he had only a narrow window about three feet wide through the trees to shoot. After the debacle the evening before he decided he needed a

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## *Thanksgiving Elk Hunt continued*

rest. I was going crazy as the elk were only 100 yards away. He couldn't get steady and we moved from tree to tree trying to find an opening to shoot. Before he could even find them in his scope, they decided that we were not friendly and scattered.

The walk back to the truck jumped several more elk but none were giving us any looks. The weather was very warm, a balmy 60 ° which made me think of the archery season more than the rifle season. I decided to take a gamble and hike into a remote meadow that I normally bow hunted in during the rut. I didn't know if it would hold elk this late in the year but with no snow except on a few north slopes I thought it might.

As we bailed off a steep north hillside and crosses several streams I got some dirty looks from Danny as he wanted to know how far I was taking them! It was about three miles into this meadow and once there we rested and waited for about 45 minutes. I then made a perimeter search and found very little recent sign. Dejected we headed for some timbered ridges back in the direction of the truck. I decided to take a shortcut that I hadn't been on before and found a string of small meadows that were loaded with sign! I knew we had hit the Jackpot.

About this time I glassed the next little meadow in front of us and found a 6x6 bull feeding in some future Christmas trees that was completely unaware of us. I pointed him out and Danny quickly told Dallin "shoot that bull". He knelt down and took the safety off the 300 magnum. I was a little nervous of his choice of bullets for the hunt, 168 grain Amax but having not used them on elk myself, could only suggest they might be a bad choice. They assured me that they worked good on whitetail and could not imagine anything going wrong.

As these thoughts were rolling through my mind he touched off a shot. Nothing, the bull didn't even pick up his head. He shot a second time. Another clean miss! What was this kid's problem? The bull was maybe 120 yards in front of us in the wide open with nothing but the bluest sky I had ever seen between us and him. The third shot made a loud whack as it hit the bull and he ran off and up a hill. He didn't get another shot.

We found blood but not much. The bloodhounds went to work and we tracked this bull through some very thick and nasty blow-downs. We weren't blessed with good tracking snow, only occasional patches so we had to track this guy through the dead-fall and pine needles. I jumped ahead and went to the bottom of the canyon-wound animals run down hill right? I walked along in the snow until I found blood on the ice where he crossed the creek. My hunch paid off! We took up the track again and he headed straight up a steep him over the worst logs we had seen yet! So much for going down hill! I got the GPS out to see where we were. The bull was headed straight back to the truck. Good bull!

During a break, I got my first chance to look through Dallin's scope. I couldn't see a blasted thing! The eyepiece focus was screwed all the way out and nothing was in focus! I carefully refocused it and handed it back to him. He looked through it and gasped in amazement. I asked him why he never said anything? He said he just thought it was a junky scope! The rifle actually belonged to his younger brother who had made some really good shots with it in the past. We took up after the bull again. I had no doubt that had we focused his scope before the first morning, we would have killed either of the two other bulls.

We followed with much effort- sometimes going 50-60 yards without a drop of blood, only having some faint tracks on the ground to guide us along. We never knew if we were on him or not until we would pick up a stray drop of blood.

About 5 pm we hit a log road with tire tracks on it in the snow. The bull was bleeding better now but I knew exactly where we were. We called it a day and decided to let him set for the night and maybe die in his bed.

Sunday morning we parked the truck right over his last blood. Because of my doubts of his bullet choice and his high powered scope, I had Dallin carry my 260 Remington this morning. We got after it and jumped him within 20 minutes. We found his bed with lots of blood which got our hearts pounding. The amount of hair in the bed told us he spent some time there. He still took us another mile through heavy timber, occasionally jumping



logs that were three feet off the ground. We were worried that we may never catch up with him. Eventually we found a golf ball sized chunk of bone. Dallin joked that if we didn't get him he was going to mount the bone! However, our confidence increased and the bull was showing some weakness. We kept after him, me scanning ahead and Danny following some faint tracks and hoping they were the right ones.

We eventually caught up with him and corralled him against some cliffs where Dallin finally finished him off. The 140 grain Sierra proved to be a much tougher bullet than the Amax. The bull cartwheeled down the hill a couple of times and got stuck in some rocks. I have never seen a hunter so jubilant as Dallin was. It made the long tracking job all worth it. We were able to bone him out in the rocks and pack him back to the truck without any mishaps.

A postmortem showed that the first bullet had exploded upon contact with the shoulder and not made into his vitals. He was just weary from blood loss and fatigue allowing us to catch up and finish him off. Dallin will use better bullets next time to save some of the drama!



*Dallin and Dennis Slade*



*Proud Father Danny and his son Dallin*

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