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The President's Message

by Jeff Heinze, APC Vice President



Hello fellow APC members.

I'm hoping that all of you had a great summer, and are ready to start off the new predator calling season of 2017-2018.

In addition, those of you lucky enough to be drawn for a large game hunt, congratulations. We wish you the best of luck with the hunts that you were awarded a tag for.

A few things to remember at the beginning of the season. Do you have a current hunting license, does it expire soon, or has it already expired? Are there any new regulations or laws for the areas in which you prefer to hunt? Do you have a couple of copies of the 2017-2018 AZGFD hunting proclamation in your back pack or your vehicles, or both? Are there any new land owners that may have closed your favorite area to hunting?

How are your rifle, scope, shotgun, game calls etc. Did you make any changes to them that may have an impact of your season? Have you been to the range to ensure that your rifles are still sighted in, and that your shotgun pattern is still the same? It would surely be a sad day if you had the chance of a life time to harvest a lion, or a bear and miss due to the simple fact that your firearm was not sighted in with your current ammunition of choice.

How is your hunting camo? Does it need washed with an unscented, non UV based detergent? Is it in need of repair or replacement? There is a young man that I work with that told me a story about his time in Afghanistan. It was directly related to his desert camouflage and the fact that it was extremely faded to the point that all of his fellow marines started calling his Casper the ghost because the uniform looked more like winter camo than it did summer camo.

Do you have fresh batteries in your electronic callers? How are the reeds on your mouth calls? Did you buy a new pair of boots over the summer? Have you broken them in yet? I know all too well how painful it can be, to be in the field,

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August Meeting Program

“Elk Hunting”

The August APC meeting will have a presentation by renowned Elk Hunting Guide, **Don Martin**. Don's many years of guiding elk hunters in northern Arizona have provided him with a wealth of knowledge that he will be passing on to our APC members. Be sure to attend this popular program.

The next Arizona Predator Callers meeting is:
Thursday, August 10, 2017 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.

President's Message cont'd.

miles away from home, with a brand new pair of boots, and two new blisters on my feet.

What about your hunting vehicle? Tires? Coolant? Brakes? Fuel filter? And the list goes on.

So what is my point? Now is the time to make sure that all of these things have been taken care of. If not, the time is now to get started. Do a safety inspection on your vehicles, your firearms, and all of your other equipment.

Proper prior planning will make your time afield a much more pleasant time. It will make you more successful too. And success is not necessarily coming home with a truck full of predators or game meat. Success is having had a fun time, and coming home safely without incident.

So, this is my wish for all of us this season. That we're able to get afield as often that we can. That we return home safely with out any injuries or harm. And that we have a fun time while we're out hunting, trapping, scouting, or just camping and enjoying this most beautiful state in which we live.

We're looking forward to hearing from you about all of the great hunts that you encounter this year.

Jeff

If you have an interest in becoming editor of the APC Newsletter contact Jeff Heinze. Current editor has been doing it for 8 yrs and would like a break. New ideas are always good.



Hunt and Events Calender

APC General Meeting.....August 10, 2017
 PPCI George Knox Boot Camp.....August 11-13, 2017
 Board Meeting.....August 28, 2017
 APC General Meeting.....September 14, 2017

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month.

Any APC member is welcome to attend.

HAHWG MEETING AND GEORGE KNOX PREDATOR BOOT CAMP

By John Arterburn

Kara Jensen, Robert Velasco, Ken Eaton, three members of PPCI, and I attended the Hunter Angler Heritage Work Group, HAHWG, meeting in July on behalf of APC. The meeting is a gathering of Arizona Game and Fish and a number of the hunting fishing and outdoor clubs here in Arizona. The purpose of this ad-hoc group is to preserve our hunting and angling traditions. There are over 100 organizations involved. We the clubs do this by teaching people how to hunt, fish, and shoot in the more than 40 workshops and camps we hold throughout the year, each year. Arizona Game and Fish participates by supporting all our activities with knowledge, resources, advertising, and coordination of these activities.

Our club supports PPCI in their season opening George Knox memorial boot camp to train hunters in the art of predator hunting. All of our members are welcome to attend the camp to learn and mentor hunters new to predator hunting. This camp is August 12, 13 this coming weekend. Our club also runs a Junior Javelina camp in the spring toward the end of each hunt season.

When I was young growing up here in Arizona we were outside all day playing sports or in the desert hunting or riding bikes. Those fortunate to have a family member who hunted or fished could learn from them. The rest of us had no Internet and were lucky if we could afford money for a Field and Stream magazine. This meant a great deal of trial and error.

As our culture and way of life has changed many people now are never exposed to outdoors activities. This trend does not appear to be changing. Fortunately we have the Internet and a vast sea of hunting and fishing clubs for these people. Here in Arizona we provide workshops and camps to expose people to the outdoors and our hunting and fishing heritage. Arizona and Oregon are the only two states that have such an education program like HAHWG.

Back to my childhood, no one wants to reinvent the wheel and learn to hunt from scratch. They want to buy a modern truck, and rifle, and possess predator-hunting knowledge. We want to successfully make use of the limited time and resources we have. You all provide this knowledge and exposure to other hunters. You are the family members of years gone by who passed down the lessons. Each year we worry about the knowledge lost with the passing of wonderful hunters like Willard this year. I don't worry because of the depth of our members. We have successful members in every age bracket. We are all busy but we stay connected as a group. I hope everyone who can attend George Knox Memorial Boot Camp does so we can continue to share with new hunters and with each other.

Thanks,
John Arterburn



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August is National Shooting Sports Month

Recreational shooters encouraged to involve family, friends

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Department is inviting all recreational shooters to celebrate National Shooting Sports Month in August.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), formed in 1961 to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports, created the first-ever nationwide celebration to encourage participation in the shooting sports genres and emphasize firearms safety.

“Recreational shooting is a safe, fun activity enjoyed by millions of Americans,” said Mike Raum, the department’s shooting sports branch chief. “Whether you’re new to recreational shooting, someone who shoots regularly or enjoys competing in tournaments, or just sighting in your firearm for a hunt, join us in celebrating the month by visiting a local shooting range.

“Better yet, take a friend along to enjoy the pastime with you.”

The shooting sports can provide a lifetime of enjoyment with family and friends. It’s a safe, fun activity enjoyed by an estimated 50 million Americans, according to the [NSSF](http://www.nssf.org). The world-class [Ben Avery Shooting Facility](http://www.benavery.com), one of the nation’s largest publicly operated shooting facilities, drew more than 225,000 recreational shooters in 2016.

While the facility will be closed for several improvements Aug. 14-29, recreational shooters are reminded the nearby [Ben Avery Clay Target Center](http://www.benavery.com) will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday. The center is closed Mondays through September.

There are nine other [shooting facilities](http://www.azgfd.gov) located throughout the state, owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. There also are dozens of independently owned and operated ranges, which can be found at [http://wheretoshoot.org/index2.cfm](http://www.wheretoshoot.org/index2.cfm).

Ben Avery Clay Target Center offers deal for dove hunters

Online coupon good for one \$5 round of trap, skeet or sporting clays

PHOENIX — While practice might not make perfect when it comes to dove hunting, it sure could put more of the fast-flying, acrobatic birds in the game vest.

As part of the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s “Getting Ready for Dove” campaign, the Ben Avery Clay Target Center is offering dove hunters an opportunity to sharpen their wing-shooting skills in advance of the season opener Sept. 1.

A \$5 coupon has been posted online, good for one round (25 targets) of trap, skeet or sporting clays. The coupon is valid for one visit between Aug. 19 and Sept. 2. Visit <https://www.azgfd.com/Shooting/BACTC/> or <https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/species/smallgame/dove/> to print the coupon. Or just show the coupon on your mobile device when checking in.

“We want Arizona’s dove hunters to have a successful and enjoyable season,” said Jonathan McCraw, range manager. “We’re pleased to be able to offer them an opportunity to come out and break some targets, while saving a few dollars when they bring in a printout of the online coupon or show it on their mobile device.”

“This is a great way to dust off the shotgun and squeeze in a little preseason practice.”

The Ben Avery Clay Target Center is a professionally managed public shotgun-shooting facility, located at 5060 W. Skeet St. (about 1.5 miles west of Interstate 17 on West Carefree Highway) in north Phoenix. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday (closed Mondays through September).

For more information, call (623) 434-8119, or visit <https://www.azgfd.com/Shooting/BACTC/>.

As a reminder, dove hunters can purchase their Arizona hunting license and Arizona migratory bird stamp online at <https://license.azgfd.gov/home.xhtml>. Both documents must be in a dove hunter’s possession in the field when the season opens Sept. 1. Save time, buy online!

For more information about dove hunting, visit www.azgfd.gov/dove

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May APC Meeting Highlights

The May APC meeting featured our Awards Banquet. The food was provided by Jalapeno Bucks, Buckin' Good BBQ, located at 3434 N. Val Vista Dr. in Mesa. Congratulations to our 2016/2017 award winners. Johns



Chuck Flewelling, Caller of the Year



Jim O'Dell, Expert Caller of the Year



Skip Mikolajczyk, Hunter of the Year



Ken Eaton, Sportsman of the Year



Raffle Winners



Door Prize Winner



Winner of the May Firearm Raffle was **Jerry T.** shown holding his new Rifle



Report from Alaska

by Dennis Slade

Greetings from Alaska. I have been up here since the first part of May now. Life north of the Arctic Circle is a little different from Arizona I have discovered; much cooler weather, 24 hours of daylight and huge weather swings in a few hours are just a few of the things that stand out. Being summer, there isn't a lot of hunting going on. Black bears are the biggest problem we have in town. Alaska has seen 3 fatal (black) bear maulings this summer. We had had to shoot two here in town that were problems. I work for an air taxi company that services the Brooks Range mostly. We had a group of three geologists from Stanford and University of Stockholm that we delivered to a lake for some research. We got an urgent call one morning that a bear had raided their camp and wouldn't leave. One of them shot at the bear with a 12 gauge and then they hiked to the lodge at the end of the lake. A couple of us flew over to the lake and found them waiting for us on the shore. One was still in her underwear they left in such a hurry. We loaded them into the plane and flew to their camp. I took my dog and went looking for the bear. It hadn't made it very far and was dead on the edge of the trees. Ruby, my Blue Lacy dog did not like that bear!

Under the Alaskan Defense of Life and Property rules, the hide, skull and claws have to be surrendered to the Fish and Game Department. I skinned the bear out for them and hauled it back to a freezer. None of them had ever shot a gun at anything other than a piece of paper before. They did well. The back straps made excellent stew meat and I saved a little for the geologists when they finished their study a couple of weeks later and let them have some. I guess it is a real treat after 3 weeks of dehydrated food. Because of the nature of Bettles, where I live I carry a loaded 12 gauge in a rack on the headliner of my work van. I saw a bear yesterday and 5 more were spotted in town. There are about 30 residents here right now.

Hunters are starting to show up in numbers now; sheep hunters, caribou hunters and a few looking for grizzlies. It is hard being stuck at the airport while group after group pass through wearing camouflage clothes and headed out into the bush. I want to trade my wrenches in for a rifle and join them! I have done a little fishing and that has kept me going. I hope to see all of you this fall as we get back into our predator hunting season. Who knows, I may even have more bear stories.



APC Schedule of Events for 2017/18

The following tentative schedule has been developed by your Executive Board as a guideline to be used for this seasons APC events. General Meetings are the first dates on the list for any given month. Hunt events are generally the Saturday following the club meetings. Please look this over and get the dates on your calendar.

Event Date	Topic	Speaker/Location
August 10, 2017	Elk Hunting Tips	Don Martin
August 11-13	George Knox Memorial Bootcamp	Vincent Ranch, Unit 4A
September 14, 2017	Coyote Hunting	Jeff Heinze, Dusty Mosier, Ken Eaton
September 16, 2017	Club Hunt	Dobson Ranch, East of Show Low
October 12, 2017	Bobcats	Stan Schepers & Ned Burris
October 14, 2017	Club Hunt	Heber, AZ
November 9, 2017	Camo	Kara Jensen & Jeff Heinze
November 11, 2017	Novice Hunt	Florence Junction Check In
December 1-3, 2017	World Championship Coyote Calling Contest	By Invitation Only
December 14, 2017	Fur Preparation	TBD
January 11, 2018	Javelina	Kara Jensen, Jef Heinze & Dennis Slade
January 25-28, 2018	Junior Javelina Hunt	Freeman Rd, Unit 37B
January	Multi-Club Hunt	TBD
February 8, 2018	Lion	Mark Healy
February 10, 2018	Save-A-Fawn Hunt	Heber, AZ Check In
March 8, 2018	Bear	Dennis Slade
March 10, 2018	Club Hunt	TBD
April 12, 2018	Firearms & Equipment	Jef Heinze, Dennis Slade & Grant Pierce
April 14, 2018	Adopt A Ranch Clean up Project	Griffin Ranch, Globe, AZ
May 10, 2018	Awards Banquet	

Membership Report

Welcome New Members:

Grant P. of Globe and Rene B. of Phoenix

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Robert H. Bill C and Tina H.

Expiring Soon:

Thomas B., James S., David W. and Jason C.

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.

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