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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

On Nov. 15 Arizona Predator Callers will present another **Novice Predator Callers Workshop**. It will be held in the desert three miles south of Florence Junction. We will give seminars and tutorials on many subjects of interest to both novices and experienced callers alike. Representatives from Arizona Game and Fish Department will address predator management and law enforcement issues that concern predator callers. Our speakers will cover every aspect of predator hunting including firearm and caliber/shot selection, predator calls and their proper use, necessary equipment, scouting, stand selection, on stand discipline, how to handle the approaching predators, how to skin and care for the pelt of the predator. Everyone, of all ages, is welcome to attend. There will be a nominal fee for non APC members.

Complete details of the boot camp, including a map, will be posted on the APC web site soon. Please make plans to attend with your family. Many of us will camp on site Friday and Saturday nights. Predator callers + bonfires + beer = lots of interesting stories. This is one of the most fun and interesting parts of the event. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The **World Coyote Calling Championship** will be held in Williams, Az on Dec. 11-13. It is produced and presented by Mike Burris and APC. Check-in will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11.

I will conduct the monthly general meeting of Arizona Predator Callers on December 11th as usual. We will raffle an AR 15 at the meeting.

Details of both events will be posted on the APC website.

Anyone that is willing to contribute their time and talents to



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

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Coming Events

APC MeetingOctober 9, 2014
APC Board Meeting.....Oct. 27, 2014

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

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President's Message cont'd.

any or all of the events please call me.

If you would like to participate in the World Coyote Calling Championship or assist in putting on the event, call Mike Burris at 480-654-1411 or contact him by email at: bda30@cox.net

Thank you for your participation and support.

Call 'em close, **Rich**

**October Meeting Program
"Bear Hunting Tactics"**

The October APC Meeting will have guest speaker **Jake Jaycox** teaching us how to locate bear sign and then call to the sign. Jake is an accomplished bear hunter with years of experience that he is willing to share. Jake is a Long Range shooting specialist. All APC members and your friends, neighbors and family are invited to attend..



The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, October 9, 2014 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.

Membership Report

We welcome New members:

April Howard of Tempe
Ronald Towles of Gilbert

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Robert Hedrick, Hank Scutoski and Loren Vickers

Expiring Soon:

Parker Heywood, Wayne Moss and Troy Clark

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

Susan Frabotta, Steve Jansen, Robert LaVoie, Ron Day, Don Liona, James Petersen, James Ringle, Mark Saunders, Dennis Slade, John Schwab, Jerry Snodgrass, Michael Munroe, Ken Bird, Sid Chalasani, Robert Elliot, AJ Suscavage, Ken Waddil, Chuck Flewelling, Jeff Hawkins and Paul Melching

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Beginning Balance	
09-01-14.....	\$4,627.79
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Deposit - memberships.....	\$680.00
09/30/14 end balance.....	\$5,852.67
Petty Cash Beginning Balance...	\$107.61
Call Sales.....	\$9.00
Merchandise.....	\$0.00
Dues Received.....	\$40.00
Raffles Received.....	\$529.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$570.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$115.61
Total cash.....	\$4,694.74
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$1,618.75
Total Assets.....	\$6,313.49

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out.

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

- 3/13/14 John Anderson.....Bullet Myths
- 3/13/14 Jerry Snodgrass.....Coyote Behavior

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.



Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



Well, the season is finely here. Its starting to cool off and time to get out there.

We have combined our two novice hunts into one "novice boot camp", to be held on 15-16 November. Newcomers will receive a very intense short course on calling predators. We, the board of directors, have decided to try this instead of the way we've run our novice hunts in the past. Hopefully, we can cover more topics and get out more information to more new people this way.

Being a more successful hunter is about doing lots of little things right and getting out there as much as possible. I learn something every time I go out and am constantly modifying techniques to changing conditions. Probably the best advice, is to get out in the field as much as possible. You are not going to kill anything from your couch.

I collect and consolidate the hunt records every year, and the members that are the most successful are ones that hunt the

Hunt and Events Calender

APC General Meeting.....October 9, 2014
October Novice Hunt Cancelled (see November)
 APC Board Meeting.....October 27, 2014
 Denny's at 1368 N. Cooper Rd., Gilbert, AZ
 APC General Meeting.....November 13, 2014
Novice Boot Camp and Hunt.....November 15, 2014
 APC General Meeting.....December 11, 2014

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.
Club hunting events are in red type.
Dates and events are subject to change.

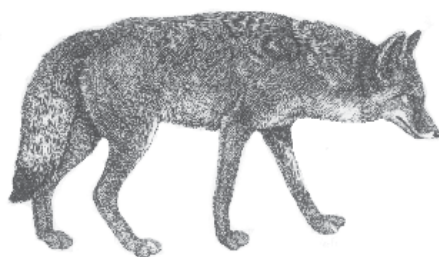
All APC General meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month.
 All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

most, duh! As for learning the basics, their will be a number of experienced club members giving short talks on a variety of subjects. You will also have the opportunity to pattern your shotguns and show you some ways to camouflage your firearms.

Their will be more information about this at the meetings. Please keep up on filling out your hunt records, as I will be asking for them in April.

Be Safe, Have Fun,
Shoot to Kill !

Dusty



October Firearm Raffle

This months firearm will be a CZ 612 12ga Shotgun.



CZ 06510 CZ 612 Pump 12ga 20" 3" GRS 5+1 Blk Syn Stk w/PG Blk The HC-P (Horde Pump Control) features a full-length pistol grip stock and ghost ring rear sight with glow fiber dots for fast zombie target acquisition. The 20-inch barrel and full-length pump forend make it an excellent home defense gun as well in dense brush for predator control. The barrel accepts CZ choke tubes and ships with one cylinder choke.

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

APC Represented at Hunter's Education Class



The following is a thank you letter from Chief Instructor Mike Zaccardi.

I would like to thank each of you that could attend our event last night at Poston Jr High School and help educate our Hunter Ed students on the efforts that each of your organizations are involved with to benefit the wildlife of Arizona and encourage more youth involvement in hunting.

I really appreciate your dedication to these goals and all the resources you commit each year. The sportsmen of Arizona are fortunate to have such leaders and champions. The students and parents I talked to were blown away by this opportunity and learned a lot. You made much of what we cover in class come alive.

I will be sending each group some of the more representative photo from last night in a separate email. Thanks again and we hope to see you back in January 2015.

Mike Zaccardi
Chief Instructor AZ Hunter Ed
602-803-1862 c



Dusty Mosier and Jeff Heinze represented APC at the Arizona Hunters Ed class. These kids are the future for hunting in Arizona and APC supports education in the sport through participation in these types of events.

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Important information for hunters regarding road closures in southeastern Arizona

Sept. 30, 2014

Hunters and others engaging in outdoor recreation in southeastern Arizona are advised to be aware of (1) a road closure in Game Management Unit 32 in the Klondyke area, and (2) temporary storm-related closures of some roads and recreation sites in the Chiricahua Mountains (Game Management Unit 29).

(1) Closure of **Long Hollow Road access point in GMU 32 — Klondyke area**

Due to a change in private land ownership in the area, there is no longer public access to State Trust lands or Forest Service lands through the Long Hollow Road access point (near Klondyke) in Game Management Unit 32.

(2) Temporary road and recreation site closures in **Chiricahua Mountains (GMU 29)** due to storm damage

Due to damage from recent storms, the Coronado National Forest has temporarily closed some roads and recreation sites for public safety reasons in the Chiricahua Mountains in Game Management Unit 29. Below is a news release that was issued on Sept. 26 by the Coronado National Forest:

TUCSON, AZ (September 26, 2014) — Some roads and recreation sites located on the Douglas Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest are being temporarily closed due to damage related to recent storms in the area. The affected areas lie within the Chiricahua mountain range.

The following recreation sites are temporarily closed to human entry:

- Idlewilde Campground
- Stewart Campground
- Sunny Flat Campground
- John Hands Day Use Area
- Herb Martyr Day Use Area

National Forest System Road 42 from Pinery Administrative Site to Paradise is open to vehicular traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution and observe signs posted for safety purposes.

National Forest System Road 42 from the Cave Creek Visitor Center to the closure gate located approximately ½ mile northwest of the Southwestern Research Station, is closed to vehicular traffic, open to pedestrians and bicyclists.

The following are temporarily closed:

- National Forest System Roads 42A (Herb Martyr Road) and 42E (South Fork Road).
- National Forest System Roads 314 and 685.
- National Forest System Roads 74E, 628, 4243, 4244, 4245, 4246, 4248, and 7181.

Some areas will be gated, others posted with signs. Copies of the Special Closure Orders and maps will be posted at closed areas, available at the Douglas Ranger District Office, and posted on the Coronado National Forest [website](#).

The areas are closed to allow for public safety in the Chiricahua Mountains after recent flood events caused significant road damage and erosion concerns. Closures will remain in effect until September 22, 2015, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Reports indicate that saturated soils and runoff debris are present in many areas of the Chiricahua Mountains. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are urged to use extreme caution while in the area, and are advised that even small amounts of precipitation may result in flash flooding.

Alternative recreation sites on the Douglas Ranger District are currently open.

Rustler Park Campground can be reached by National Forest System Road (NFSR) 42. At 8,500 feet in elevation, 22 campsites can accommodate tents or trailers up to 22 feet in length.

On the west side of the Chiricahuas, Sycamore Campground can be reached on NFSR 41. The campground sits at 6,200 feet in elevation, with eight camp sites which can accommodate tents or trailers up to 16 feet in length.

Also on the west side of the Chiricahuas, Camp Rucker Group Site can be accessed by NFSR 74. At 5,600 feet in elevation, 11 campsites are available that can accommodate tents and trailers up to 16 feet in length.

In the Dragoon Mountains, Cochise Stronghold can be accessed by NFSR 84. At 5,000 feet, 12 camp sites can accommodate trailers up to 22 feet in length.

Drinking water and electricity are not available at the sites.

For further information, please contact the Douglas Ranger District Office at (520) 364-3468 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Read the Forest Service [news release](#) on the Coronado National Forest website.

September APC Meeting Highlights



April Howard of AGFD spoke at length on some of the changes to the regulations for 2014 / 15 and the status of the Mexican Gray Wolf project.



Mike Burris was the raffle winner of the Taurus Judge.



Raffle winners.



Door Prize winners

Arizona Game and Fish Changes Hunting Regulations for Night Hunting Coyotes

by Jim O'Dell

Arizona Game and Fish have changed the hunting regulations for hunting coyotes at night in the 2014-2015 Hunting Regulations. There are three changes and they are discussed below or click the Arizona hunting regulations link to see the changes.

- The length of the season has changed from a 3 month season to a 6 month season. Went from 3/1/14 thru 5/31/14 to now 12/1/14 thru 5/31/15. Personally I think the season should be open year long, however this is a step in the right direction.
- They changed it from a Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot to a General season. Which means it is open to any means of legal take. In other words you can now use any legal firearm to take coyotes at night. This is the best change, as this will greatly increase your odds of being able to take a coyote at night.
- They added and removed some game units open to night hunting. They added some to northern and western Arizona and removed all units south of I10. Overall there was a gain of 2 units open to night hunting. Personally I think it should include all game units that are open in the General (daylight shooting hours) season.

Hopefully Arizona Game and Fish will keep improving the night hunting opportunities. Like make coyote night hunting season year long, open more units to night hunting and open some night hunting seasons for other predators.

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Tickets will be on sale at the October, November and December APC meetings. 5 tickets for \$20.00 or \$5.00 each. APC will soon have the ability to accept credit cards. Must be present at the December 11 meeting to win.

River Bull Elk Hunt

by Dennis Slade

The week of September 15th was a little different than most of my weeks in that I was stuck in Tucson, in a hotel room because of a rare out-of-town job I had signed on for. This was the first September in quite a few years that I wasn't elk hunting somewhere. Hunting is always better than working, but the money was good so I was making the best of it; that is until Mother Nature decided to intervene. A hurricane off the coast of Mexico was making the weather pretty dicey in Southern Arizona so on Tuesday night we headed back to Mesa. About the time we hit Phoenix it started raining again. I wasn't sure what I was going to do with the forecast calling for several inches of rain in some areas.

I got up the next morning and decided that if I was going to have any chance at elk hunting I should sight in a couple of rifles just to be ready. I grabbed my Winchester 30-30 and my model 70 in 458 Lott. Both sporting open sights and no slings. I got a little break in the weather and both proved to be remarkably accurate with cast bullet loads. I knew the area I wanted to hunt was thick so the open sights were as good if not better than a scope.

I woke up to heavy rain about 4 am. By 8 am I was pumping water out of my backyard to keep the flood at bay. Seems that I checked the weather reports about every 10 minutes to see if I was going to be able to get out and do some hunting. About noon the rain had abated and I had pumped most of the water out of the back yard. I figured that if I was rained out of work, I might as well go elk hunting! I noted that the northern half of the state was not getting the rain. I called a buddy who told me to come on up and I headed north.



It wasn't raining when I left home but by the time I hit Payson it was coming down pretty steady. When I got to Heber I couldn't hardly see the road. I was worried that this was going to be a wasted trip! As I left Heber the rain broke and I could see a solid band of clouds behind me and mostly blue skies above and in front of me. I knew this was my day!

I arrived at his place about 4 pm and by 4:15 we were headed out. We glassed some thickets on our way to a little hole that we hoped might hold some elk but nothing was moving yet. I really wanted a raghorn bull that was not busted up. I have killed big bulls and spikes but never anything in between. I wanted a small rack that would fit on the wall and not take up too much space. We didn't see anything on the drive in and finally parked under a shade tree and headed off for what we thought was just a little evening jaunt to see if the elk were in the area. As I had both rifles with me I flipped a coin to see which would accompany me and the 458 won. My buddy couldn't believe the size of the hole in the barrel and was even more surprised when I showed him a loaded round. You certainly don't need an elephant rifle to hunt elk but the saying is that you can 'eat right up to the hole.'

We headed out along a fence line and found a corridor through the brush that took us deep into cover. We were hoping that the cool weather of the day would have the bulls talking. My tag said 'any elk' on it but I was really hoping for a small bull. We decided that if a big bull presented, Richard would take the shot. He only had a measly 30-06 with him but were pretty sure it might work!

We finally broke out into some open country and decided to cow call. I let out a couple of my most lovesick cow impressions and he did the same. We had not heard a single bugle and were a little worried that maybe the elk weren't here tonight. Not five minutes passed and I looked over to see a bull standing on the edge of the wash. He was a sneaky one and hadn't made a peep. I pulled up my binoculars and tapped Richard, pointed out the bull. The bull looked small enough and he immediately said "there's your bull." I guessed the range at about 175 and took careful aim. I was hoping not to shoot more than 100 yards but the front bead seemed steady enough on the big bodied bull. I had no choice but to shoot off my hind legs as we were in tamaracks up to our hips. I touched off a round and the big 458 bucked. We heard a loud thump and the bull was knocked to the ground! I had never seen an elk knocked off his feet like this and neither had Richard. It really flipped him over. I just that's what happens when you use caliber like this. We both turned and looked at each other and he gave me a high five. The bull started to crawl off the sand bar into the brush. I didn't get another shot but knew he was finished.

We headed down to the sand bar and realized that he was more like 200 yards from where we shot. I was now a little worried that maybe my shot wasn't as true as I had hoped. The wash was running but only about 6 inches deep. We walked across and took up the trail. The bull was a tough one and made it about 100 yards deep into brushy trees before we caught up with him. A quick shot through the heart and he was done. As I had feared, my first shot wasn't quite as good as it could have been. I finally got a chance to pull the antlers out of the under brush and look at him. I couldn't believe the points; six on one side and seven on the other yet a small, thin framed rack. This was a perfect bull; not a broken point and a bonus devil point.

We took some photos with our cell phones- all we had with us and then dressed him. The plan was to return later that night with a 4 wheeler and haul him out. We had no flashlights with us so we tried to hurry back to the wash so we could find the corridor we had walked in through before it was too late. In the hour we were messing with the bull the earlier rains had caught up with the wash. It was now waist deep and running bank to bank and rising! On top of that it was now dark! We used our phones to find a possible crossing and jumped in! Somehow we made it across without ending up downstream somewhere. This was supposed to be an easy hunt.

I had to wait until the next morning to recover the bull as I had no way to get across that swollen wash again and didn't know how to drive to the other side in the dark. Lucky for me, a friend was hunting in there on horse back the next day and I got him to loan me one of the horses. We loaded the meat on and packed it out to my truck. I was back home in less than 24 hours after I left!

Sometimes things just work out right. I can't wait to be rained out of work again! I might get to shoot an elephant someday but for now, I have the satisfaction that the 458 works just fine on elk!



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