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Coming Events

- APC Meeting.....November 10, 2011
 Novice Hunt # 2.....November 12, 2011
 APC Board Mtg...November 28, 2011
 APC Meeting.....December 8, 2011

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



PREDATOR'S PRIDE



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November 2011 APC P.O. Box 1172 Mesa, AZ 85211-1172

The President's Message

by **Scott Francom, APC President**



Every year my brother and father go down to unit 35B to chase after coues deer in the mountains southeast of Patagonia, AZ. This year was no different and once again I tagged along for the sole purpose of predator hunting in an area I am not as familiar with. I get bored with the typical terrain around the valley and always enjoy getting back in some out of the way location to call in foxes, coyotes, bobcats, and if lucky, a mountain lion. Anyone who remembers my trip last year will recall I shot a lion but was unable to recover it. My plans this year were to intentionally go after lions. Hour long sets, lion vocalizations, and concentrating on long fingers that extended from the highest point of the mountain to the valley floor.

I had spent 2 days 1 month ago scouting the area and felt comfortable with the stands I had mapped out. We drove in Thursday and Friday I got up bright and early and set up on a good location with great visibility and began calling. 1 hour later I had called in a fox and a coyote but opted to not shoot. Second stand of the day was in the valley I had seen and shot the lion last year. After one hour of calling I packed up my gear and went back to camp for lunch having seen nothing on that stand.

That afternoon I had a local rancher call me on the phone. Someone had contacted him and let him know I was in the area. He asked if I could come to his ranch just North of Patagonia to see a lion kill on his property. I arrived and was lead to the back of his property where a foal of his had been killed and drug out here the night before by a lion. The lion has eaten on it and tried burying it under some leaves. The rancher asked if I would spend some time calling in this area and I agreed. For the next 5 hours I made 3 different stands in the area but saw nothing. The terrain was quite rough and the brush could have hidden just about anything.

At last light as I was having to strain to see I had a nicely furred-up coyote come running into the stand. He stood staring at my Whirling Woodpecker from about 30 feet. I lined up the cross hairs and dropped him with the rifle. The 22-250 left a sizable exit on the other side so I didn't skin him out but was surprised how nice the fur was. Night time temperatures were hovering around 35 degrees.

The next morning I returned and spend all morning watching the foal and no lion showed up. By noon I decided to move onto another location. At this point I was growing board of listening to lion whistles and non-aggressive growls and shortened my stands to 35-45 minutes and spent the last 5 minutes switching to gray fox distress. This enabled me to at least have a little action as gray foxes ALWAYS came running. I shot a few foxes to quell my frustration as for the remainder of the trip I never saw hide nor hair of a mountain lion.

It seems that when I am not intent on calling one in, they just show up and when I devote a specific hunt to finding one, they're nowhere to be found. I included a few pictures of the beautiful terrain I hunted in. Anyone going down to that area to hunt come and see me as I can steer you to some really great gray fox spots.

Scott

Membership Report

Thanks to the following members for renewing their memberships:

Skip Bargman
Joe Cottrell
Steve Carter

We would like to welcome new members:

Jeffrey Ross of Gilbert
Gary Schvaneveldt of Mesa
and John Arterburn of Scottsdale
to the Arizona Predator Callers.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance	
Beginning Balance 10-01-11...	\$2,739.38
Check#1803 Legend Express..	(\$ 37.56)
Check#1804OutdoorsInsurance(1,076.00)	
Check#1805 SAMI Insurance....	(826.80)
Check #1806 JAlbin, Postage..	(\$26.40)
Check #1807 DBurris, food....	(\$147.26)
Deposit	\$225.00
10/31/11 end balance.....	\$867.96
Petty Cash Beginning Balance....	\$71.41
Dues Received.....	\$65.00
Raffles Received.....	\$49.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$100.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$85.41
Total cash.....	\$953.37
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$2,207.75
Total Assets.....	\$3,161.12

November Meeting Program

“Calling Fox”

We will be honored to have **Willard Bourquein** speak to us on “**Calling Fox**”. (*No, Really, He'll be there*) Willard is a long standing member of APC and has years of experience calling the gray fox. He will share his calling styles and techniques to get you harvesting fox in greater numbers. This should be a very informative presentation.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 East Main Street. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa.

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.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice-President, at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.



Patagonia terrain

APC's Voice Needs To Be Heard

by Dusty Mosier
Hunt Chairman

Guys, If you want to be able to **hunt at night**, or use a **shotgun for lions**, you need to voice your opinion ASAP.

I've been told that we need to contact Mr. Brian Wakeling and voice our support. Please get this out to all of your hunting buddies and have them contact Mr Brian Wakeling by Monday Nov 16th.

Those of you that have friends at other clubs, or in other areas of the state, please let them know about this upcoming meeting and ask for their support.

The commission approved the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking at the Oct. 14, 2011 commission meeting and will review the final rulemaking at the Dec. 2, 2011 commission meeting. To view the Notice of Exempt Rulemaking, visit http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/rules/rulemaking_updates.shtml.

The department will accept comments through Nov. 16. To submit comments, e-mail DMcGehee@azgfd.gov or rulemaking@azgfd.gov, or call (480) 528-7986.

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out. **Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.**

- 9/9/10 Bob Allen.....Calling Coyotes
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Coyote Behavior
- 1/13/11 Christian Ensley.....Deer Processing II
- 1/13/11 Seraphim Moreira.....Eyes Front 3
- 5/12/11 Travis Bradford...Free Grass & No Fences
- 9/25/11 John Albin.....Fooling with Foxes
- 10/13/11 Dan.....Hunting the Night Shift
- 10/14/10 Greg Malenfant.....Mastering Predator Calling
- 1/13/11 Jose Montijo.....Nail Em AZ Style
- 1/13/11 Jose Montijo.....Texas Predator Pursuit
- 1/13/11 Ruben Fuentes.....The Best of the West
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull

Thanks *Jerry*

Hunt and Events Calender

- General Meeting of APC.....November 10, 2011
- Novice Hunt #2.....November 12, 2011**
- General Meeting of APC.....December 8, 2011
- General Meeting of APC.....January 12, 2012
- Multi-Club Hunt.....January 21, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....February 9, 2012
- Antelope Eaters Hunt.....March 3-4, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....March 8, 2012
- Save-A-Fawn APC Club Hunt.....March 31, 2012**
- General Meeting of APC.....April 12, 2012
- General Meeting & Awards Presentations.....May 10, 2012

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 Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

The word "coyote" is derived from the Nahuatl (a people found in central Mexico) word "coyotl." The coyote's scientific name, *Canis latrans*, means "barking dog."



If you have a picture of your hunt, please share it with fellow APC members by sending it to the Predator Pride editor. Send to: johnalbin1@msn.com

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October 2011 Novice Hunt



Cordell Shull and **Dan Howell** bagged 1 gray fox.



Ned Burris and **Tony Garcia** teamed up to harvest a Trifecta of 2 coyotes, 2 gray fox and 1 bobcat.



Hard to believe that **John Arterburn** and **Mike Burris** got skunked.



John Albin hunted with novice **Kyle Carter**. Although they failed to see any critters, Kyle got to see old town Superior and Globe for the first time.

Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

Last month I missed our general meeting, as I was elk hunting in unit 4A. A friend of mine, my nephew, and myself all had general rifle cow tags. We seen lots of elk, some deer, turkey, coyotes, and one bear. My buddy and I both got a nice cow, so my freezer is full of meat for the winter.

The novice hunt last month was a success with about a dozen people at the check-in. Two coyotes, three gray fox, one kit fox, and one bobcat were brought in by the teams. We are hoping for a larger turn out at this months hunt which will be on Saturday November 12th..

This is not only a novice hunt but also a club hunt, so all are welcome to participate. The check-in will be at the same place as usual. We will be 1.1 miles south of Florence Junction (the intersection of SR 79 and US 60) and about a quarter of a mile to the east, you can see the trailer from SR79. The check-in will be from 7-9 PM with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and cold drinks provided by APC (BYOB). We will have a skinning demonstration and fur



Jerry Lape and Hunt Chairman **Dusty Mosier** teamed up for a fun day of hunting. Score: coyotes 1, Team Mosier 0. **Gary Schvaneveldt** also scored a big 0.

handling information for those of you who would like to learn.

Please remember to keep track of your kills by filling out a hunt record form. I will be asking for these next April. If you want to be considered for any type of award you must turn one in. Also would like one from every member so I can print out a total of how well APC did for the year.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill ! DUSTY

Wikieup Extreme Predator Hunt

Place: Wikieup AZ.

Date: Dec 3rd & 4th, 2011

Price: 2 man team \$50 and 3 man team \$75. There is also a separate buy in for the most Bobcat's brought in for \$10 and winner will receive 75% of purse.

Winners will be determined by the # of coyotes, bobcats and gray fox checked in. Starts Sat and runs through Sun afternoon at 2pm.

Check in is Sat. night from 6-9pm & Sun 2pm at the Hidden Oasis RV Park, located at Hwy 93 at mile marker 123. GPS info N.34-42.885 W 113 36.888

We also have phone #'s available for check in if you are unable to make in person on Sat night: 928-715-0242 or 928-715-0155. All entries must be in by 2pm on Sun. to be eligible for prizes.

Proceeds: to benefit Kingman Search & Rescue and also to help reduce predator's populations in key live stock area's for upcoming calving season.

Thank you, Tom Blum
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theblums@frontiernet.net

El Campo de Pescado

By: Jeff Heinze

I had received an award at one of our meetings for a free day of fishing with **Don Martin of Arizona Wildlife Outfitters**. In the off season, Don runs a fishing concession known as Striper Hunters.

So, I called by brother Steve to see if he wanted to spend a day fishing for Striped Bass on Lake Mead. He was excited and said yes. I called Don, and a date was set for July 6th, 2010. Don sent out detailed instructions as my brother was traveling from the north, and I was coming from Mesa.

I met Don in Kingman. We stopped at the AZGFD office so I could purchase a nonresident license for my brother. Then we were on our way to Don's place in Meadview, AZ. Also known as El Campo de Pescado. The timing was perfect. My brother met us at El Campo de Pescado within 10 minutes of our arrival. We spent about an hour with Don preparing a few things for the night of fishing. We loaded the boat with our rods and reels, bait etc.

After all the preparations had been completed, we went out for dinner. We had a great meal at "The Crow's Nest". The staff there were quick and courteous. They're on a first name basis with Don. Don filled us in on his expectations, tips and techniques etc. WOW... Don paid for the meal, and so I got the tip. What a pleasant surprise! Thanks Don! The dinner was great too! Good food with good friends.

We went back to El Campo de Pescado, got the boat out and finished preparing for the evenings trip. Off to the lake. We launched the boat, and headed out for about a 30 minute ride to one of Don's honey holes. After dropping anchor and setting up, the action started quickly. All three of us spent the next five or six hours fishing. At the end of the trip, we returned to Don's place for a few hours of sleep. We iced down the fish and took a nap.

Morning came quickly. We counted the fish, took a few pictures, and then the work began. We had to filet out 130 striped bass and about 10-12 catfish. We had a great time. If you're looking for some summer fun, give Don a call. He can be reached at 928-303-9481 or 928-681-4867.

"Success In The Field"



Gary Schvaneveldt, new to the sport, joined the club last week.

Gary went out Saturday the 15, shot these 2 grey foxes and called in 6 more and let them walk.

"Enjoyed watching them, one came in so hard that he grabbed my decoy and ran about 10 feet with it."



Mark Miller holds a fine coyote that he and **Joe Porath** called in on their first stand while hunting near Heber last Sunday.

**Notice of December 2011 Meeting
Location Change**

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Signature: _____

Additional Family Members

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

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00
Family Membership add \$5.00.....\$35.00
Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

New Membership
 Renewal

Amount Enclosed _____

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