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Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at the Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge (F.O.P.) 3445 N. Dodge Blvd., Tucson, AZ
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February 1, 2012

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President's Report

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT----- Jim Littlejohn

Thanks to the 23 members and 1 non-member for attending our January meeting. We had a last minute change in speakers so we could accommodate the AZGFD to up date our club on new changes to the AZ Hunting Regulations. If you were unable to attend, please review pages 117-119 of hunting & trapping regulations; pages 70-71 of predator & fur-bearing mammals' regulation; pages 59-60 of mountain lion regulations. Thanks again to Brian Wakeling for making the presentation and to our club members for showing respect by attending.

Our February 9th meeting will feature Gerry Blair---best predator hunter and author in Arizona! I wouldn't miss this meeting for anything ---hope you won't either!

Vice President's Report

By Steve Minga

We had a great turnout for the Jan. meeting - 24 is the number. I saw some new faces. I hope some members welcomed them.

Jim, our president, couldn't make the Jan meeting so I stood in. Bryan Wakeling from AZ Game and Fish was our speaker He talked about the new regs for night hunting in AZ and using artificial light. If you missed it you can go to the website and get the info. Our speaker for the Feb. meeting will be Gerry Blair and if you haven't heard him speak you're in for a treat, he brings a lot of knowledge and humor to his talks. Our speaker for March will be Tom Wacker. He will be talking about concealed carry and all the aspects regarding the law, and other info - should be very informative. Don't miss.

Hunt Master's Report

By Steve Minga

I will briefly talk about the Feb. hunt at the meeting. I am trying to set a date to meet up with the Huachuca guys down south and have a multi club hunt. If you have input regarding the monthly hunts please call or e-mail me or catch me at the meeting. I'm looking for a way to get more participation and make it more fun. See you at the meeting. Steve

CLUB HUNT SCHEDULE

Feb 2012 2-11-2012 to be discussed at meeting

March 2012 3-7-12 Location to be Announced

April 2012 4-14-12 Location to be Announced

May 2012 5-19-11 Location to be Announced

Range Master Report

January Range Master Report
By Andy Williams

This month we had 7 shooters participate in the competition. Our participants were Steve Brown, John Benz, Doug Kidder, Ted Lane, Jim Block, Ken Wong and myself (although I didn't compete). This morning was a beautiful day at a nice, crisp 30 degrees with practically no wind and slight cloud cover. It was just enough to keep us from actually warming up. ☺ It was nice to have some old friends join us this month.

We had Jim and Ted join us this month for the shoot. Ken Wong, a new shooter, came out to join us this month as well. He came out to sight in his .308 AR and get it out to the 500m mark. That's a long push for a stock rifle but I have no doubt that Ken will succeed, as he is an excellent shot.

Doug was trying out his new reloads and after a bit decided that he needed to go back to his old loads and try, try again. That's what this is all about ~ trial and error. The more you practice, the better you get at determining good loads, ranges, and target assessment.

John Benz also joined us this month, after a brief absence. It was really nice to see John again. Steve showed up with his .222. Unfortunately, by the time Steve showed up, the wind was picking up. Anyone who shoots a .222 knows that with any wind, the rifle rapidly becomes a 300m rifle. A 5mph wind can take a 385m rifle and knock it down to a 300m rifle real fast.

This week was really great with all the "oldies but goodies" coming out to join us. I hope to have the opportunity to spend more time with all of my old friends. The best part of it all ~ we shot swingers. There was no real competition. It was just a fun day with easy set ups and easy take downs. This gave us more time to spend with our buddies.

Our next shoot will be on February 12, 2012. We will start at 8:30 a.m. with a warm up and sign in/sight in at 8:00 a.m. Please look below for upcoming dates and be sure to mark your calendars!

February 12, 2012 w/a 8:00 a.m. sight in / 8:30 a.m. start Prairie Dog Silhouette

March 10, 2012 w/a 7:30 a.m. sight in / 8:00 a.m. start Prairie Dog Silhouette

April 8, 2012 w/a 7:30 a.m. sight in / 8:00 a.m. start Prairie Dog Silhouette

May 12, 2012 w/a 7:30 a.m. sight in / 8:00 a.m. start Prairie Dog Silhouette

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the Prairie Dog Silhouette shoot, please call me. You may reach me from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at (520) 884-1330. You can always email me at: candawill@q.com. Thanks.

Shoot straight and be safe!
Andy

Raffle Master Report

No more calls folks, we have a WINNER, WINNER, WINNER, winner, win.....(<<<echo effect. cool,huh?). The attendance drawing has finally been won again by one of our snow bird members, Jack Mann.

Jack is just back down here from Iowa and will be taking home a brand new NEF Handi-Rifle in .17 HMR. Congratulations! For those of you new to our club or just thinking of joining, our attendance drawing is done monthly and the only thing required to win is to be a member and be in attendance when your name is drawn. So be there or be square. We will have another drawing next month for another .17 HMR. If the member whose name is drawn is not there that night when the drawing takes place, the rifle rolls over to next month.

Our annual raffle this year will be for an AR type varmint rifle in .223 with a heavy Bbl and 3x9 tactical scope. I hope to have this soon so we can print tickets and start selling.

Come to our club shoots and meetings and shoot safe.
Doug

Membership News

**By Roger Kreitzberg
Membership Secretary**

Memberships continue at a fairly constant rate. I have removed four people from our membership list who have not paid dues in a timely fashion. We have added three new members. We welcome Robert Cousy, Allen Seyler, and Michael Wsol. I ask once again that members pay dues as soon as you receive a postcard or see your name listed in this article. Members listed below are due to renew:

Lance Bauer	due 2/1/12
John Benz	due 10/1/11
Jason Bowden	due 2/1/12
Bill Ellis	due 11/1/11
Dan Hibberd	due 2/1/12
Ted Lane	due 11/1/11
Jack Mason	due 2/1/12
Steve Minga	due 11/1/11
Randy Reeves	due 11/1/11
Bill Rice	due 1/1/12
Jim Strickland	due 11/1/11
Jonathan Tate	due 2/1/12
Carl Wruck	due 11/1/11
Tom Wacker	due 2/1/12
Jeff Webster	due 2/1/12
Dennis Wylder	due 1/1/12

Financial Statement

By Treasurer Bob Gorman

12/31/11

BEGINNING BALANCE

5017.80

INCOME

Memberships	160.00
Raffle	
Match Fees	
NRA membership rebates	
Sale of Patches	10.00
AZGF Grant-youth hunt	
Advertising	100.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
Total Revenue	310.00

EXPENSES

Range fees	
Raffle rifle	140.00
FOP Lodge fee	50.00
Raffle tickets	
Door prizes	
Postage	
Printing - brochures	
ACC annual fee	
NRA affiliation fee	
Youth hunt (insurance)	
Patches	
Youth hunt (BLM fee)	
Youth hunt - food & supplies	
Background checks-youth hunt	
Pizza & soda for meeting	
Annual Christmas dinner	
USPS	46.00
Total Expenses	190.00
Net Gain/Loss	120.00

ENDING BALANCE

5137.80

**An Open Letter To The Membership
from Jeff Stewart**

Howdy! For those of you who don't know me I'm Jeff Stewart from SAWC. My back ground with the club is that I've been a member for about 5 years (slipping memory syndrome) and I've done the hunt master and newsletter thing during that time. Today I'm an 'at large' board member and when I can I serve as the door raffle guy. I sometimes do "event coordination" which means I coordinate getting our Christmas dinner contracted and I facilitated a predator hunter's boot camp a few years ago. It's not a big deal because I'm half crazy and I love you guys (and gals) ! Okay with the pump up and the cheer leading because this isn't about me, it's about our club.

Once again we're in a slump folks. We're not getting much traction when it comes to getting you guys and gals out to our events like the club hunts and the rifle range. Oh, did I mention that we can't get people to come to the monthly meetings either? What a shame (right Jim?). IF you don't come to the club meetings you don't get drawn for the monthly club raffle chance for the monthly club rifle raffle (got to be present to qualify!). Oh, or how about our other Jim, the guy who donated a rifle for the same monthly membership only raffle? Folks, there's usually something going on at our monthly meetings like having Gerry Blair speak (he's a splendid speaker) or having a club member do a "show and tell" some thing about camo or reloading or calling. We do a catered Christmas dinner (love that tri tip!) and there's an annual membership swap meet too. Then there are discussions about and the arrangements for our own club hunt in the early summer. It's usually near Highway 191 and a few years ago we ran up to Eagle Creek / Honeymoon two years in a row - what a hoot ! So where is this going?

Our club's attendance isn't very impressive. Folks, there are smaller clubs in the Phoenix area who have lower memberships that have standing room only meetings. Other clubs generally raffle off something pretty spectacular each month in the form of a rifle or a service from one of their sponsors. Their hunts are well attended by members of all ages, not just the seniors. What is their success? I honestly don't know. What is the one thing that they do to get a packed meeting room each month? What are they doing that we don't do? I just don't know but you guys need to tell us....

One obvious reason is the gas prices, right? At \$3.50 a gallon it's kinda difficult to run out to our monthly rifle shoots at three points, right? Wrong. Car pool! Get the horse out of the corrals. Do anything but get there! And the club hunts that Steve is trying to manage. A \$20 dollar bill in the gas tank in a carpool situation works! Get phone numbers and start calling the other folks about meeting up at a parking lot and car pooling! (Trico on Tangerine doesn't mind and Wally World at Cortero is another favorite place). It's called preplanning! And here's the deal.

Our club has a wealth of experience to offer newbies. The problem is we aren't a big club so coordinating this can be frustrating for all parties concerned. Another frustration is that for the coordinators like Steve and Andy et al is that frequently they show up and no one else comes. I'll never forget the day I sat at a check in at Willow Springs as the hunt master and no one called or showed up for 1.5 hours. Actually I've done that more than once, Folks, you got to work with our hunt and range masters! Why is it that the Phoenix clubs routinely come down to Pima and Pinal counties and hunt our coyotes etc. while we stay in our warm beds dreaming about the NFL or NASCAR? Turn in those saved aluminum cans and put the money into your gas tanks folks! Drag your kids out of the living room and away from their gameboys and take 'em hunting! Come to our monthly meetings and for goodness sakes, step up and help with a club function like manning the club's table at Sportsman's Warehouse or a gun show!

And if your shy like me you need to not only come to a meeting or two but you need to get dang annoying and repeat the words " I need a hunting partner for the next club hunt and I offer a free lunch as a bribe" because bribery works with old corrupt guys like me! Get frisky folks and get out of bed. That's how this works. (BTW, you older guys need to start a Welcome Wagon sort of thing so that when a newbie walks into the general meeting an old guy welcomes him/her and stays with that person throughout the meeting.) And you guys with digital cameras should be taking some Kodak moments and send them to the editor of the SAWC newsletter.

As far as my New Year's goal thingy I'll try to take a newbie out a little more often. Just remember that bribe thing, okay?

Jeff Stewart

Calendar of Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE DOG SHOOT

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Held at Three Points

AZGFD Changes to Coyote and Mountain Lion Hunting

Follow the link to Arizona Game and Fish Commissions change/modification to coyote and mountain lion hunting.

<http://azgfd.net/art...gislation.shtml>

CLUB HUNT

Feb. 2012 - to be discussed at meeting

Classifieds

*** Ruger M77 in .223 w/ rings. New 3 years ago. Nice wood, fired less than 100 rounds thru it. Awesome varmint rifle. Paid \$600.00, yours for \$499.99 Firm Jeff Stewart @ 237-1364 (cell phone)

Savage 24V over/under .223 Rem./20 gauge 2 ¾ or 3". \$375.00 Great coyote gun.
Mike Peters 520-349-8427 or mgp427@cox.net

I've always wanted to:

TEACH MY KIDS TO TRAP WILDLIFE!



February 18-20, 2012 Youth Trappers Camp

Host: Southwest Fur Harvesters

Location: Mayer, Chauncey Ranch

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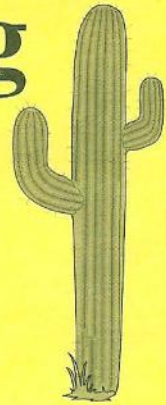
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Mohave Sportsman Club

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ANTELOPE EATERS XXIII

March 17-18, 2012, Seligman, Arizona

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Hunt with FRED EICHLER during ANTELOPE EATERS

Winner will be drawn on February 24, 2012

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

PURCHASE TICKETS

Range Office, 7-Mile Hill Shooting Range, 928-753-8038 or

by Mail: Mohave Sportsman Club

Post Office Box 869, Kingman, AZ 86402

INFORMATION

Steve Bell, MSC President, 928-234-6502, target@citlink.net

Don Martin, Hunt Chairman, 928-303-9481, awoguide@citlink.net

Purpose

The purpose is to reduce the coyote population in prime antelope habitat in Northern Arizona.

Hunters, we suggest you hunt in any game management units with antelope: 7, 8, 9, 10, 15A, 15B, 16A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A & 19B.

Information

This hunt will be conducted over a two-day period, March 17-18, 2012. Drawing for the prizes will be as follows: each team that enters will receive a single **red** ticket. Total prize monies are split in half for the two days and are awarded through random drawings of those tickets starting on Saturday night, 9:10 PM.

This process will be repeated on Sunday, at 2:10 PM with remaining prize money being dispersed. **Remember**, Saturday and Sunday prize drawings are held independent of each other. **Teams must check in each day to be eligible for these cash prizes!** **Final check-in times are Saturday night, 9 PM, and Sunday, 2 PM, in the parking lot of the Black Cat Bar.** **NO coyotes will be checked in after these times! NO exceptions!**

The Mohave Sportsman Club reserves the right to deny the privilege of participation in the hunt to any person or team. Any team or person who is cited for any game violation during the hunt will be disqualified. Random coyotes will be temperature checked by tournament officials. Coyotes will be marked by officials with the team number. In the event that any coyotes are determined to have been frozen or taken by means other than hunting (i.e., road kill), that team will be disqualified. Any decisions by the tournament officials are final and there will be no appeal.

Raffle Prizes

On your initial check-in on Saturday night at the Black Cat Bar, each team member will receive one (1) **blue** ticket. These blue tickets will be used for a raffle that will be held on Sunday afternoon, after the cash prizes have been awarded. The blue ticket raffle will include, **1st prize a Rock River Arms 20" Predator Pursuit .223 Semi Auto Rifle, 2nd Prize will be a Savage Axis XP Camo 22-250 /w 3x9x40 Scope.** Many additional prizes will be awarded. You may purchase additional blue raffle tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN THESE PRIZES; NOR DO YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HUNT TO BUY BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS!



ATTENTION PREDATOR HUNTERS!!!!!!

This year we are very pleased to announce that Fred Eichler, noted predator hunter, guide, host of Predator Nation, & Easton Bowhunting TV, will be hunting with us during our XXIII Annual Antelope Eaters Hunt. Accompanying Fred, will be long time friend, cameraman, accomplished hunter, & guide, Jake Kraus.

We are going to give one lucky hunter a chance to hunt with Fred, & have that opportunity filmed for Fred's Predator Nation TV Show. Raffle tickets can be purchased from

Mohave Sportsman Club,
P.O. Box 869
Kingman AZ 86402

Tickets will be 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Purchased tickets will be sent back to purchaser postage paid

For information, contact

Bob Shaw 928-530-4630 or 928-757-0796
Don Martin 928-681-4867 or 928-303-9481
Jim Jett 928-692-9008
Jim Fuller, A&P Pawn 928-753-3182
MSC Range Office 928-753-8038 or
mohavesportsmanclub.com

Mohave Sportsman Club Antelope Eaters Hunt XXIII Hunt Registration

Complete and postmark by March 9, 2012, with a check made out to **Mohave Sportsman Club** for **\$50** (entry fee) for 2-person team or **\$75** for 3-person team to:

Mohave Sportsman Club
Post Office Box 869
Kingman, AZ 86402

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
2nd Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
3rd Name: _____
Address: _____
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E-mail: _____

If you are planning on eating at one of the following restaurants on Saturday night, March 17, please note the number so they can have adequate food on hand.

Westside Lilo's Café

_____ All you can eat Mexican Dinner \$10.99
_____ Bratwurst w/Sauerkraut & Mash Potatoes \$9.99
\$1.00 Draft Beer

Roadkill 66 Café & Steakhouse

_____ 12oz Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom & Onions, Mash Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Dinner Salad & Fresh Bread \$10.99

Thanks for supporting the Mohave Sportsman Club by joining "Antelope Eaters Hunt XXIII" with other sportsmen and sportswomen to show that we are concerned about predator control as it relates to sound game management. We fully intend to continue to exercise our privilege to hunt predators in the State of Arizona.

Fees & Accommodations

Entry fees must be paid **PRIOR** to start of the hunt. The completed form, with a check made out to **Mohave Sportsman Club (MSC)** for \$50 (entry fee) for 2-person team or \$75 for 3-person team, must be **postmarked** by March 9, 2012. **NO REFUNDS!** Late registrations: **cash only** and will be accepted at the Black Cat Bar in Seligman Friday, March 16, until 10pm.

If you would like to register via e-mail, do so at **deannahaw@rocketmail.com** or to print a filer for mail in entry, do so at **mohavesportsmanclub.com**

Meals: The following restaurants in Seligman are offering these specials to all hunters on Saturday night, March 17.

Westside Lilo's

Roadkill 66 Café & Steakhouse

Seligman Lodging: Advance reservations are needed; mention the predator hunt.

All rates are for 2 people/2beds, includes tax.

Aztec Motel	\$59.03	928-422-3055
Canyon Lodge	\$58.00	928-422-3255
Deluxe Inn	\$54.00	928-422-3244
Historic Rt.66 Motel	\$71.92	928-422-3204
Romney Motel	\$57.00	928-422-4673
Stage Coach 66	\$59.04	928-422-3470
Supai Deluxe Motel	\$56.00	928-422-4153
KOA-Full Hookups	\$40.00	Dry \$25.00
		928-422-3358



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March 17-18, 2012
Seligman, Arizona

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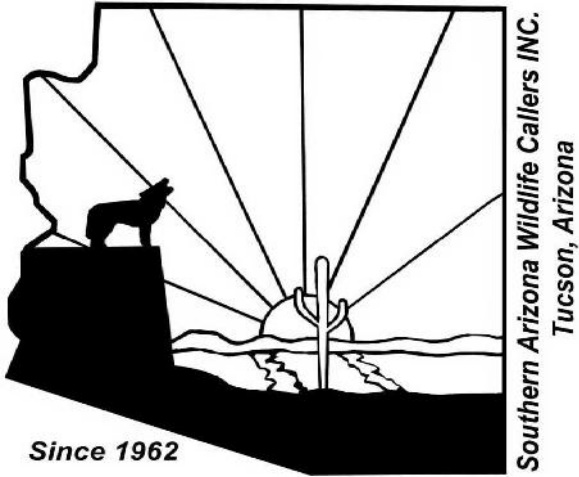
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Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers, Inc. – Membership Application

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