

Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc.

Summary of 2017 -2018 Hunts and Award Programs

1. **Monthly Scramble Hunts** – September is Novice Hunt, October through March are regular Scramble Hunts
2. **PVCI Team Field Championship (6 Month Hunt)** – Runs from October meeting to April meeting, Sign up by November meeting, team must hunt 2 monthly scramble hunts
3. **Best of Seven** – This is an Individual award based on placings in the 7 scramble hunts
4. **Top Shooter** – Runs August to April Meeting, One point per animal
5. **Top Caller** – Runs August to April meeting, Only hand called points
6. **Top Novice Award** – Runs August to April meeting, electronic and hand called points
7. **Pin Program** – Runs year round

New this year:

1. Electronic callers may be used for all hunts except Top Caller which will be based on hand called animals only.
2. For purposes of awarding calling points when an electronic caller is used the “caller” is defined as the individual who sets up and operates the electronic caller that draws in the animal that is taken. Once an electronic call is used on a stand any animal taken is considered “electronic called” even if the hunter switches to hand calls for that stand.
3. Proof of kill will be tails, Hunt Chairman may keep proof of kill until end of season, proof of kill may be changed by Hunt chairman
4. Hunters must keep their own record sheet for the season. Hunt chairman will also keep records for Monthly Scramble hunts and other proof of kill brought to meetings. Records must include if the animal was hand called or electronic called.
5. No sand bagging ... proof of kill must be turned in each month.
6. Points have been changed back to traditional ... see rules.

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Team Field Championship (6 month Hunt)

1. All participants must be members in good standing of P.V.C.I. and have a valid Arizona Hunting License.
2. The entry fee for the Team Field Championship will be \$20 per person for the season. The season is defined as starting the day after the October general meeting and continuing until the day of the April general meeting of the following calendar year.
3. The deadline for entry into the Team Field Championship will be the end of the November general meeting.
4. All hunts are to be in accordance with Arizona Game and Fish Department regulations and all P.V.C.I. bylaws and hunt rules.
5. There are 2 different divisions:
 - NOVICE:** A person who has called less than 5 coyotes that were killed or has been a club member for less than 2 years at the start of the season. All team members must be novices to qualify for the Novice division.
 - EXPERT:** A person who has called 5 or more coyotes that were killed or has been a club member for more than 2 years at the start of the season. A team with at least one Expert is in the Expert Division.
6. A team may consist of 1 or 2 club members. To qualify as a Team Field Championship team, the club members must participate in two Monthly Scramble Hunts as a team after the date they signed up for the Team Field Championship.
7. Proof of call and kill will be tails only, unless otherwise specified by the Hunt Chairman. Proof of kill may be kept by the Hunt Chairman until the end of the season. A taxidermist receipt may be considered as proof of call and kill.
8. It is required that proof of call and kill be turned in on a regular basis and not retained until the end of the season. All proof of call and kill must be turned in no later than the conclusion of the April general meeting. If this is not done, the caller will be awarded points for the pin program only.

9. The Hunt Chairman will keep individual and Team records. Participants of hunts are also required to keep their own individual records for the season on a form that will be provided by the Hunt Chairman. Killed animals must be identified as “hand called” or “electronic called”.
10. The winning team will be determined by total calling points that were accumulated and turned into the Hunt Chairman between the October general meeting and the April general meeting the following year. There are no half points or splitting of calling/shooting points.
11. BONUS FOR INSTRUCTING A NOVICE: An Expert who takes out a Novice during the September Scramble Hunt will have the Expert’s calling points added to his/her Team Field Championship total. This applies to the Expert only and to only those points earned during the September Scramble Hunt. A Novice is defined as a person who has called less than 5 coyotes that were killed or has been a club member for less than 2 years at the start of the season.
12. Hand calls and electronic callers are permitted for all hunts. (The Top Caller award will only include hand called points.) For purposes of awarding calling points when an electronic caller is used the “caller” is defined as the individual who sets up and operates the electronic caller that draws in the animal that is taken. Once an electronic call is used on a stand any animal taken is considered “electronic called” even if the hunter switches to hand calls for that stand. Use of live animals as bait, attractant or retrieval is not permitted for any PVIC sanctioned hunts or events.
13. Calling points will be awarded as follows:

Ringtail	10 points	Coyotes	10 points
Fox	10 points	Bobcat	30 points
Badger	10 points	Mountain Lion	100 Points
Raccoon	10 points	Bear	100 Points

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Monthly Scramble Hunt Rules

1. All participants must be members in good standing of P.V.C.I. and have a valid Arizona Hunting License, and will have paid the \$10.00 per person hunt fee prior to the hunt. Guests are allowed to participate in one Monthly Scramble Hunt only. All hunters will abide by Arizona Game and Fish regulations and PVCI bylaws and hunt rules. This includes no use of live animals as bait, attractant or retrieval.
2. Teams can consist of not more than three people. Exceptions can be made for the September Novice Hunt but check with the Hunt Chairman.
3. All team members must remain together and hunt as a team while in the field.
4. Monthly Scramble Hunts will be held the first weekend following the general meeting. The first hunt of the season will be the Novice Hunt in September and the last hunt will be in March. The exact dates of the hunts may be changed because of holidays or other scheduling conflicts but changes will be announced at the general meeting.
5. The September Monthly Scramble Hunt is the Novice Hunt. A Novice is defined as a person who has called less than 5 coyotes that were killed or has been a club member for less than 2 years at the start of the season. Teams participating in the September Scramble Hunt must include at least one Novice and as a bonus an Expert who takes out a Novice during the September Scramble Hunt will have the Expert's calling points added to his/her Team Field Championship total. This applies to the Expert only and to only those points earned during the September Scramble Hunt.
6. Proof of call and kill will be tails only, unless otherwise specified by the Hunt Chairman. Proof of kill may be kept by the Hunt Chairman until the end of the season. Be aware that this is an honor system, and as members of the club you are bound by a sportsman's code of ethics to compete fairly with your fellow members and competing teams. Any violation of the Arizona Game and Fish Department regulations or PVCI bylaws or hunt rules immediately disqualifies such persons from that particular Monthly Scramble Hunt. Upon review by the PVCI Board, said person may be

removed from other club hunts and/or have their club membership removed.

7. Only one of the team members must be present at the general meeting in order to sign up for that Monthly Scramble Hunt. If there is a scheduling problem please contact the Hunt Chairman. All team members must be present Sunday night at check in.
8. The check-out location will be at the monthly general meeting. The check-in location will be determined by the Hunt Chairman and will be announced at the general meeting.
9. Check-in time will be from 8 PM to 9 PM, Sunday night, unless otherwise instructed at the general meeting. The required proof of call and kill will be shown to the Hunt Chairman, who will also keep the official time. Ties will be broken by the arrival time of the first complete team to check in. The Hunt Chairman will keep individual and Team records. Participants of hunts are also required to keep their own individual records for the season on a form that will be provided by the Hunt Chairman. Killed animals must be identified as "hand called" or "electronic called". For purposes of awarding calling points when an electronic caller is used the "caller" is defined as the individual who sets up and operates the electronic caller that draws in the animal that is taken. Once an electronic call is used on a stand any animal taken is considered "electronic called" even if the hunter switches to hand calls for that stand.
10. Awards for the Monthly Scramble Hunts will be based on the highest point totals determined by proof of call and kill. First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

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Badger	10 points	Mountain Lion	100 Points
Raccoon	10 points	Bear	100 Points

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Best of Seven Rules

1. All Monthly Scramble Hunt rules apply.
2. One Monthly Scramble Hunt per month, September through March = seven hunts.
3. No additional cost to participants.
4. Participants can hunt with a different person each month, or keep the same hunt partner.
5. Each person keeps the total number of points awarded for their placement.
6. Points to be awarded to each person are as follows:
 - 1st Place = 3 points
 - 2nd Place = 2 points
 - 3rd Place = 1 point
7. Ties are broken by the most 1st placed Monthly Scramble Hunts. If tie still exists winner will be the person with most calling points for the Monthly Scramble Hunts. If a tie remains the winner will be the person with the most kill points.
8. Trophies will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest point totals.

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Top Caller – Top Shooter - Top Novice Rules

1. All members in good standing of P.V.C.I. will be eligible for these awards.
2. The calling/shooting season for these awards is defined as starting the day after the August general meeting and continuing until the day of April general meeting of the following calendar year. No half points or splitting of calling/shooting points.
3. The Individual with the most points accumulated for hand calling animals that were taken during the calling season will receive the Top Caller Award.
4. The individual that has been recorded as shooting the most animals that were taken during the calling season will receive the Top Shooter Award. One point will be awarded per kill, regardless of the species of animal taken.
5. The novice that has accumulated the most points for electronic and hand called animals that were taken during the calling season will receive the Top Novice Award.
6. Any violation of the Arizona Game and Fish Department regulations or P.V.C.I. bylaws or hunt rules immediately disqualifies such person from this contest.

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Pin Award Program Rules

1. P.V.C.I. membership is required in order to participate.
2. The Pin Program runs year round.
3. The entry fee is a one-time cost of \$10.00 as long as your membership is current. If you are removed from membership due to non-payment of club dues, you must pay the pin fee once again in order to be eligible to participate in the pin program. If this happens, you will start your totals all over again.
4. Proof of call for the pin program will be tails, whole pelts or receipts for a taxidermist, all of which will be subject to verification. No half points or splitting of calling/shooting points.
5. With the exception of the handgun and archery pins, all pins will be awarded to the caller. If either the handgun or archery pin is earned the pin will be awarded to the shooter, and the caller will receive calling points.
6. The Hunt Committee will keep a record of all the total animals taken for the season. It will be the individual's responsibility to verify that these totals are correct.
7. Any predators taken with the aid of live animals as bait, attractant or retrieval will be disqualified for the Pin Award Program.

Pins are awarded as follows:

Bronze Pin	5 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	1 Bobcat	Limit of 1 per member
	1 Mentor	Limit of 1 per member
	1 Badger	Limit of 1 per member
Silver Pin	20 Coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Bobcats	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Mentors	Limit of 1 per member
Gold Pin	50 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	100 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	200 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	300 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	400 coyotes	Limit of 1 per member
	10 Bobcat	Limit of 1 per member
	20 Bobcat	Limit of 1 per member
	30 Bobcat	Limit of 1 per member
	15 Mentor	Limit of 1 per member
	10 Fox	Limit of 1 per member
	25 Fox	Limit of 1 per member
	50 Fox	Limit of 1 per member
	100 Fox	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Ringtail	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Raccoons	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Badgers	Limit of 1 per member
	1 Archery Coyote	Limit of 1 per member
	5 Handgun Coyote	Limit of 1 per member
	Mountain Lion	1 per animal called
	Bear	1 per animal called
	Small Slam:	Limit of 1 per member
	1 each of Badger, Raccoon, Kit Fox, Ringtail Cat	

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