

BASE CAMP

Safari Club International - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Spring 2006

Fundraiser Success

More than 325 chapter members, friends, and supporters convened at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City for this year's Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction. What a great time we had! This near sell-out crowd enjoyed the games, the food, the auctions, and the camaraderie of the evening. Many professional guides and other donors were on hand and we thank them very much for their donations.

The fundraiser committee worked hard and that hard work paid off. If you attended you may have been the winner of a great piece of art – a once-in-a-lifetime hunting or fishing trip – or a new firearm. Even if you didn't have the high bid or the winning ticket you were a winner in supporting both the Golden Gate and the San Francisco Bay Area chapters.

Mark your calendar for next year (**March 3, 2007**) as we once again gather to celebrate our love of hunting.



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- **Awards and Wild Game Dinner**

May 6th, 6pm-10pm
Flames Restaurant, San Jose

- **BBQ and Shoot**

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President's Message



By Jim Peters

Dear Members;

I planned on writing an upbeat article about our recent fundraiser and the great time we all had there.

However, I am obliged to write about a more serious message regarding our longstanding board of directors' member and chapter treasurer, Jim Uhl.

Exactly one week after the fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 11, Jim had a massive heart attack. His wife, Ilah, said he played golf that morning and then went jogging in the afternoon. A short time after this, he experienced the heart attack, as he sat in his chair, in the family room. Ilah called 911 and performed CPR until the paramedics arrived. He is currently in the intensive care unit at Kaiser Hospital in Hayward. Visitors (other than immediate family) and flowers are not permitted in the ICU.



Ilah and the family are devastated knowing that, Jim, their "Rock of Gibraltar" has been stricken down. They are holding together valiantly. Relatives are arriving and are converging on the family home from Montana and from around the world. As we go to press, Jim remains in a coma. The good news is that he has displayed rapid eye movements, beneath his closed eyelids, and he is fighting the protective restraints. Flowers, cards and words of love and encouragement for Jim and the family can be sent to their home at 4821 Scotia St., Union City, CA 94587.

Many volunteers are stepping forward to fill the huge void left by Jim's hospitalization. The family and doctors are planning on several months for Jim's recovery. As in any business or life situation, we must plan for the worst and hope for the best. Tomas Bermejo has graciously volunteered to be treasurer for the rest of Jim's term, which runs through June 30th. The board of directors' election process begins in April. In addition to the Treasures' position, several other positions will also be open and available for member elections. It is critical to the functioning of our chapter to utilize all of the many talents of our members. We need member volunteers to become active supporters for our goal to protect hunters' rights. Consider what you can do to help run and maintain this fine organization, The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of SCI!

Come to the next Board of Directors' meeting and seek nomination and election as a board member or assistant to the board or as committee chairpersons, etc. We have something for everyone. See you at Vic's Family Restaurant in San Carlos at 630 p.m., April 21,2006 (every 3rd Thursday of the month)

My wife and I, along with the entire Board of Directors and our chapter secretary, Beverly, wish and pray for a speedy and complete recovery for Jim.

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The Sables Miombo Corner

Are you a Sables member? Sables are leaders in wildlife education to preserve the hunting heritage worldwide. Sables women and men help advance outstanding programs that instill a love of the outdoors and respect for nature. The next Sables meeting will be May 11th at Vic's Family Restaurant in San Carlos (6:30PM). All are welcome to attend.

Join Sables today — see the membership form on page 21.

Sensory Safari Hits a Bullseye in San Mateo by Cathie Nelson

In January your San Francisco Bay Area Division of the SCIF Sables hosted a *Sensory Safari* in conjunction with the International Sportsmen's Exposition at the San Mateo Exposition Center. The Sensory Safari trailer was parked in the Hall of Sportfishing & Travel next to the San Francisco Chronicle Sportfishing Theater.

The Sables sent information packets (which included study guides and teacher prep lists) to various schools and organizations inviting them to visit us. (The ISE allows these groups to visit us without having to pay an entrance fee.) Although we had very short notice in putting the event together, we had a steady stream of visitors including a local den of Cub Scouts. With a longer planning period next year, we look forward to being able to host more groups and school field trips.

Originally established as a program dedicated to educating the sight-challenged, Sensory Safari now reaches out to educate everyone about wildlife with its interactive approach using all five senses. The forty foot trailer contains some 30 different exhibits, including a life-sized Red Stag, a wild boar, African Cape buffalo and African lion. Our volunteers guided guests through the trailer and answered questions about wildlife, hunting and conservation. It is so rewarding to see the looks on the faces of children and adults alike when they come face to face with a life-size lion for the first time and are told that we encourage them to touch the animals!

We also had our *Safari In A Box* on display, to promote its use to teachers, environmental educators in parks, 4-H and scout troops among others. The box is a K-12 educational kit designed to provide hands-on learning. The Sables currently have two boxes available for loan. If you are interested or know of someone who would be please contact Beverly Valdez (bev@safariclub-sfbay.org) at our Chapter office (650-697-6538).

Thanks also to the people who volunteered their time to make this a successful event: Chris and Nick Bullock, Wayne Finney, Ilah Uhl, Barbara Kelly (and her sister, Bonnie O'Brien), Paula Bullock, Annette and Christopher Peterson, Blair and Eric Nelson, Diane Sheardown, Jeana Rolsky-Feige, Lillian Miller, Edie Ortman and Phyllis Rademacher.

A special thanks to *Mary Lynn West* and the Orange County SCI chapter for allowing us to rent the trailer thus eliminating the enormous job of transporting and setting up trophies to put together the "safari" as we have done in the past.

PARADIGM SHIFT

FOR AN
OLD
CHASSE
LIBRE
HUNTER

by Cam Grieg

For those of you who have followed the exploits of the chasse libre hunter, you know our plight in West Africa has gotten to a deplorable stage. For those of you who may be newer to this sport, a chasse libre hunter is someone who simply buys his hunting license from the government in question and then endeavors to hash together a safari without the aid of a Professional Hunter. In a previous article I outlined my feeble attempts to keep ahead of the machinery of civilization. As the world's population explodes, and the craving for protein and exotic wood continues, the wild areas continue to be eroded at an unsustainable rate. Chasse libre hunting requires the presence of "miles and miles of bloody Africa" in order to allow us to leave civilization behind. It does not seem that there are many miles left. All of the large areas in Cameroon are now developed, are turned into parks, or are hunting zones that require long term expensive leases. The areas left are too close to towns and heavily poached. I was just about ready to give up on Cameroon com-

pletely and relocate to another country.

After a number of spectacularly successful trips in the 1990's, my expeditions had started to look much more like colossal messes in the new millennium, as civil war chased me from pillar to post and the logging trucks tried to run over what was left of me. I then received a very interesting invitation from Georges, a high ranking official in Cameroon. He proposed I come to try out an area near to where I had hunted with great success in the 1990's; in fact it was an area that represented some of my most spectacularly successful trips. I knew Georges personally, and he was aware that I was in contact with a number of people who hunt on foot and do not need roads or any other infrastructure to conduct their hunts.

The area has a high appeal to me because I had successfully hunted it before. On a single day in 1990 I took a super forest buffalo, a gorgeous western kob, and a perfectly ugly wart-hog. For a foot safari that represents a spectacularly successful day. All of these chasse libre trips are conducted entirely on foot, with a porter train hired to carry the gear. The idea is to get as far from civilization as possible in the allotted time frame. This style of hunting has lost its appeal to many with tight time schedules and the introduction



Robert and his forest buffalo

of the 4X4 but retains its charm for those who wish to conduct a hunt in the same manner utilized by Teddy Roosevelt circa 1908. Although the ex-president used hundreds of porters and was gone for months at a time, I have found it typically takes 8 porters to carry the food, salt, and camping gear for a two week trip. It is a very old fashioned portaged hunt, where the adventure counts as much as the bag. A bit of a penchant for suffering is not an undesirable trait and easily cultivated on these trips.

The transition zone we discussed has the greatest habitat diversity of any area in Cameroon. The vegetation includes the northern limits of the rainforest, riverine and gallery forest, savanna woodland, and some riverine grassland. Ecoguards put in place by the government have been very effective patrolling where roads had been used to transport large quantities of meat. The problem now was how to get a handle on the harvest of illegal game where the only means of approach is

by foot or canoe. My friend had called me with the hope that I could work in a partnership with him to cut down the illegal off take of game. He proposed that I could have exclusive use of the zone as long as I brought in hunters who would, by their mere presence, scare off the market meat hunters. Although this is no longer a true *chasse libre* hunt, as a hybrid proposal it sounded very acceptable.

I sent my tracker to reconnoiter the area and his report was that the area was rich in game, but only after a long walk. He saw bongo, buffalo, kob, duikers and other game in a quick ten day foray. A friend, Rob, was able to join me at the last minute and we finalized our plans. We had to go quickly, as the rains were moving in, making access to the nearest village a dicey proposition if we were caught in one of the torrential downpours.

I soon found myself in the back of a rusting hulk of metal, lovingly referred to as a Cameroonian taxi, negotiating the winding streets of Yaounde, the capitol of Cameroon, with a chauffeur who took possession of his half of the middle of the road by blaring his horn the loudest. Arrangements for the hunting permits and gear details in-country went smoothly for once. An old friend agreed to drive us up to the new area, and all the details seemed to fall together. We made it in good time to the mud wattle, thatch roof homes of the village with a major downpour catching us just as we got to our destination. Once we set off on foot we

found the grasses were getting very high, requiring us to often push our way along. We often felt more like we were swimming along, not just walking. The five and six foot growth enveloped us at every step, and made it so that we could not even see the numerous obstacles in the path. Inability to see where we were placing our feet lead to a number of people slipping, and in one case, the disappearance of the tracker, who just moments before had been right in front of me. The ant bear holes can be quite large.

I had arranged for the chief of the village closest to the hunting block to come along with us. He had been hired previously to do a survey of the area, so he was familiar with the concept of hunting blocks and the potential benefits to his village. We retraced a good bit of the trip he took just a year previously and he was distraught to find that poachers had come in and set snares and hunted in a good part of the area that was traditionally his village's zone. More than half of the hunting block was basically devoid of large game, although there were a good number of duikers. Luckily I had also negotiated with an old elephant hunter to accompany us and he took us much deeper into the zone. The old elephant hunter kept telling me that there was plenty of game "up ahead," but for those of you who have had this trick played on you I was getting real suspicious after three days of walking. On the fourth day we came out of the forest and cut across a savannah that had not been burned, so the

grass was very high. This was a good sign, indicating little or no human presence. We jumped a herd of forest buffalo still out on the plains at 9:30 in the morning, later than I have typically seen them out. It seemed we had reached "up ahead."

We made it to a beautiful river where an old fisherman made us welcome, and we set up camp. Splitting into two groups we set out for the evening hunt. My foray was only about one hour in duration. Soon after leaving camp we saw a sleek Western kob, and while putting a stalk on him, we ran into a herd of buffalo. Closer observation showed us that the herd of dwarf, or forest buffalo contained a very good bull. I quickly brought the hunt to a conclusion with a round from my .416 Remington. Closer observation affirmed that this was one of the best animals to come my way, so I was very pleased. Rob had similar success, and only hunted about 30 minutes before taking a deep chestnut colored, long horned Western kob. The next morning I went downstream to look over more country, but the tall grasses made it difficult. Rob was hunting a small patch of savannah that my tracker had burned a month before and shot an old buffalo that was not as long in horn length as the one I shot, but much heavier. Both of the bulls were better than any of the animals I have shot or seen shot to date in Cameroon, Congo or CAR. To say the least we had achieved another spectacular hunt.

The area I scouted down-

stream had very high potential, with kob and sing-sing waterbuck licks and lots of tracks. A fisherman we spent one night with reported a sitatunga was in the area, with horns “as long as his arms.” and reported it was often seen just along the river banks. He also told us of a good bongo area that was just too far to reach

so I was pleased to have collected one of the biggest and one of the smallest trophies, both of exceptional quality. We saw a small herd of the sing-sing waterbuck, but unluckily it had no males in it. We cut “that day” tracks of bongo only once, which was a disappointment, as the exploratory trip before that my tracker

elephant, as importation to the USA of Cameroon ivory is still not allowed.

On the way out I was interested in making a more direct trail, so I instructed the crew take turns cutting a “proper” trail in as much of a straight line as we could. It worked fabulously and we should be able to utilize it to reach the hunting area much quicker on subsequent trips. I have asked that meetings with all of the villages that are on the one border of the zone be held to review the rules of the hunting block. Since the area is a formal hunting block the villagers are no longer allowed to set snares in the area or hunt there. In return, the villages receive a set percentage of the trophy fees paid. I also hire all of the porters from the local villages. With my hunters providing for trophy fees the program has a chance of survival. I plan to manage the sequential burning of the savannahs to pull in game out of the nearby park onto the hunting zone. If hunters are successful early on with the buffalo it should leave some time to look for some of the more elusive game, like bongo, sitatunga, sing sing waterbuck and elephant.

On exiting the zone, I met with Georges. He realizes that having sport hunters will augment his staff of eco-guards, as we are willing to walk much further into the bush than his staff. He suggested I continue hunting this zone in 2006, and offered me other areas that border his new park as well. One area was extremely interesting to my tracker who personally knew the area



Cam's trackers and his buffalo

in the limited amount of time we had left. Having spent four days getting into the area and two days hunting I felt it was judicious to start the trip homeward, as there was still much unknown country ahead of us.

As far as other game, Rob saw red-flanked duiker, Peter's duiker, and white-bellied duiker, while his tracker said he should have also seen the yellow back which was out in the burned grass feeding early in the morning. Since Rob was not interested in duikers, he did not shoot at any of them. He never went duiker calling, but saw the animals while stalking or from blinds. I did collect one blue duiker that is my best ever,

saw a big male bongo and they had cut numerous fresh tracks. In spite of heavy showers we had on arrival, the rains were late this year and the bongo seemed to have moved out of the immediate area we were in. There was no water available in the streams at all, forcing us to plan ahead and walk long distances carrying water with us in case we could not find the next watering hole. Dry sign of both the red river hogs and the larger giant forest hog were evident. I saw the fresh tracks of one big bull elephant, and there are reasonable numbers of forest elephants in the area. Once away from the villages the elephant sign was plentiful, but I was not interested in tracking

Hunt Report

held good populations of bongo and giant forest hog. He is quite sure that the poaching in that area has all but been eliminated due to the eco-guard presence. He will be going into the area to look it over.

I have arranged for my tracker to spend a month in the area in November, cutting trails to the reported bongo area and scouting for tracks. A beautiful fly camp could be established on the banks of the main stream. If we can cut back on the poaching, with the help of the park staff, and find a bit out about the pattern of the bongo movement this area should be an absolutely perfect zone for the person who wishes to hunt on a classic portaged safari. I have promised to work with future hunters and make my personal

staff available to those who would like to try out this adventure.

The one thing I regret is that I am now moving away from the true chasse libre hunt. In fifteen years of doing this, I have seldom hunted the same place twice, always choosing to explore a new area rather than return to an old one. The freedom to roam uncontrolled is coming to a screeching halt, and that is sad. I am sure it is the same fate felt by the old ivory hunters, as more and more of their lifestyle was eroded by "civilization. Once I discovered chasse libre hunting I have made it my passion, culminating in 15 years of adventure. I have tried to get into every vast forest in West Africa, exploring Cameroon, Congo and Central African Republic on my own. I

suddenly feel like an old bachelor that just woke up to find himself married. I am sure there are good points to it, but right now I want to ignore those and try a couple more exploratory hunts, even though they will be in an area I am now renting. I am taking my children with me to look over the zone in December, because I want for them to have seen it the way it was, the way it is, and the way it should be.

I feel privileged to have experienced the magic of chasse libre hunting, but like any magic show I am afraid it will all soon just ...disappear.

Postscript: The best laid plans of mere men almost never withstand the rigors of Africa. Updates to follow.

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Bylaws Change Proposed

The following change is proposed for the Chapter bylaws. This will be on the June 2006 ballot. Please contact Tomas Bermejo if there are any questions or concerns.

Bylaws currently state:

"7) Past President's Committee: This committee is composed of all past presidents of this Chapter. The function of this committee is to review and recommend to the Board of Directors those activities, functions, and endeavors, which are worthy of financial assistance from this organization."

Proposed change:

"7) Financial Assistance Committee: This committee is composed of all current members of the Board of Directors of this Chapter. The function of this committee is to review and decide which activities, functions, organizations, and endeavors are worthy of financial assistance from this organization."

International Sportsmen's Exposition

This past January, before the annual SCI convention in Reno, Nevada, once again our Chapter and our Sables Chapter organized another successful display at the San Mateo International Sportsmen's Exposition. Special thanks to our dedicated members who volunteered long hours and answered many questions. They introduced our Chapter goals and the goals of Safari Club International Conservation Programs to the hundreds of visitors stopping at our booths. Thanks to Gil and Anthony Ricarte, Jim and Delores Peters, Mark Grisedale, Dwight Ortmann, Michael Nice, Don Del Grande, Tomas Bermejo, Richard Pierce, Paul Williamson, and Ron Sousa.

This year, for the first time, the Sables were able to schedule the SCI Traveling Van, which contained a display of life size animal from Africa and North America. This unique opportunity allowed visitors to see up-close and with minimum restrictions, some of the most magnificent creatures of the world. Also our members were able to share their hunting experiences along with some specific conservation's programs in our area. After the exposition ended, the Traveling Van was able to leave (with no hassle) to Reno for the annual SCI convention.

Another first was the introduction of the "Safari in the Box". This display was acquired by your Chapter, to provide schools and interested organizations in the community with tools for teaching conservation programs and understanding wildlife. The informational display can be loaned out with written request to our Chapter president.

In closing, we would like to invite (YOU) our members and family to become involved in the Chapter's activities throughout the year and help next January with our "Fourth Annual" display. It's fun, energizing and most of all rewarding.

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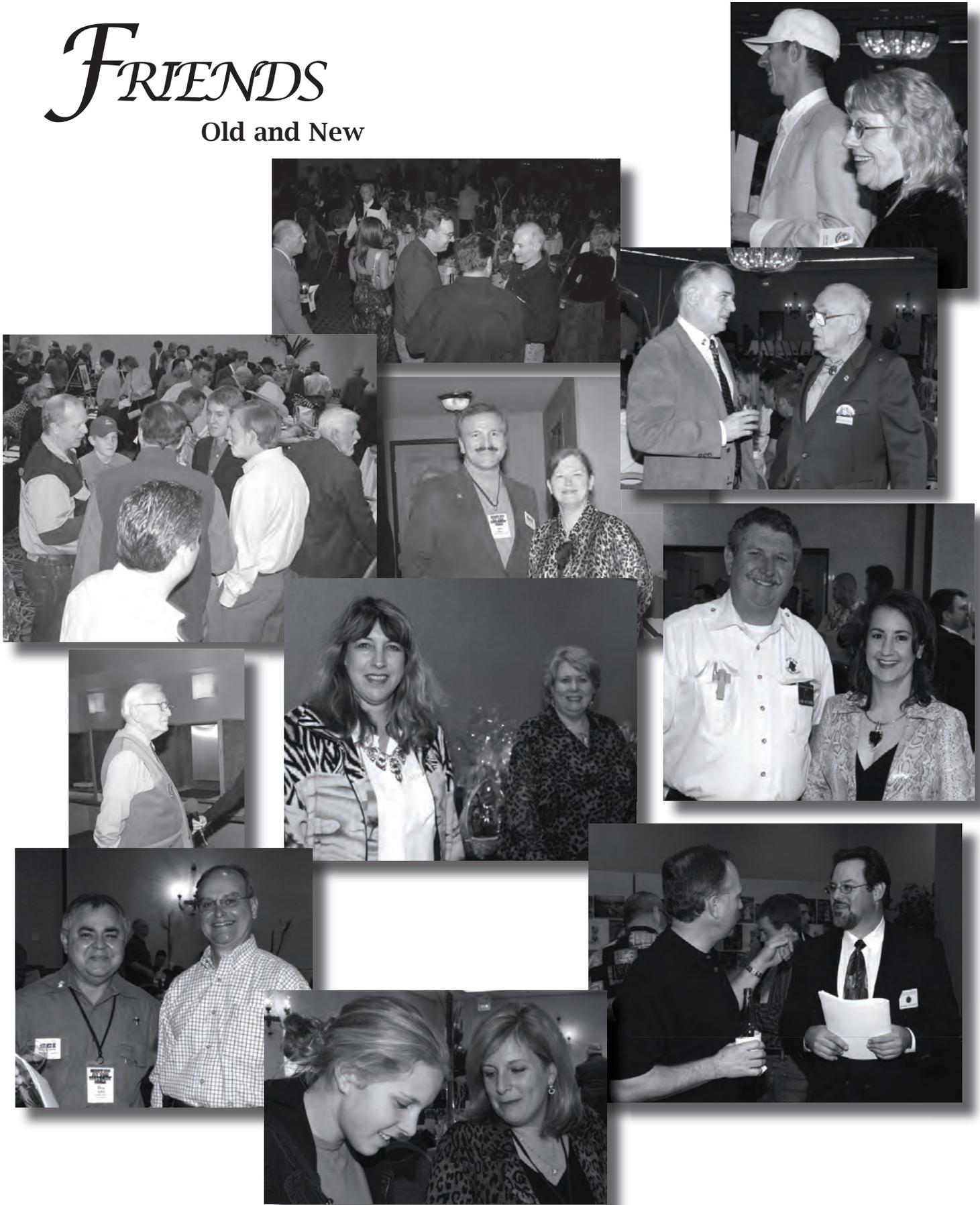
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BIG GAME AWARDS

Big Game Awards and Wild Game Dinner, May 6, 2006 - 6:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant at 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Trophies must have been taken in the calendar year 2005.
2. All big game species listed in the SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF RECORDS are eligible for entry
Separate Fish entries.
3. There is no minimum score to qualify.
4. Each entry will be judged based on the photo alone (NOTE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS) unless the hunter wants to also submit a scoring sheet. The photo can be e-mailed to the Bay Area chapter office at bev@safariclub-sfbay.org If you wish to have the trophy scored you can submit the results to the chapter address below. SCI scoring is most preferred. If you wish to have your trophy scored the following persons can possibly assist you.

Gabe Tabib - Half Moon Bay (650)712-8308 or Kerley's - Cupertino (408)255-1920

Geoff Vassallo - Wilderness Taxidermy (510)490-4333

Alex Rolsky - Imbert & Smithers Sport Shop (650)593-4207

Stan Swart (408)897-3262

5. No award fee is required; however, you must be a *member in good standing* and attendance at the AWARDS BANQUET is required. Banquet is on a first come, first served basis. Registration ends on April 23, 2006. Only 150 places are available. Banquet fee is \$65 per person and \$40 per junior under 18. The chapter will pay for the first two awards; any other plaques beyond two will be the responsibility of the awardee @ \$20 per plaque.

6. A slide must accompany each entry. Slides can be made from your photo for \$7.50 per slide if submitted with entry. Slides will not be returned. Photos can be submitted electronically to: cam.greig@yahoo.com

JUDGING AND SCORING

1. **All entries must be received by April 23, 2006** at SFBA SCI CHAPTER, Attn: Awards Banquet, 423 Broadway #624, Millbrae, CA 94030. You may fax your entries to (650) 697-6538 or e-mail them to cam.greig@yahoo.com

AWARDS:

1. All entries for the ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS will be judged on the basis of their SCI score sheet, difficulty of hunt, type of firearm and number of entries.
2. Awards for fish will be based on species, line used, size and/or length.
3. GOLD CUP AWARDS for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented along with PERPETUAL TROPHIES for outstanding animals in the following five categories: NORTH AMERICA, AFRICA, INTERNATIONAL/ASIA, EXOTICS & SELF-GUIDED.
4. SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR please fax nominations to SCI office (form on page 18).
5. MEMBERSHIP AWARD please fax nominations to SCI office (form on page 18).
6. LIONESSE AWARD please fax nominations to SCI office (form on page 18).

If you have any questions or would like to help with the Awards committee call

Cam Greig (650) 948-4560

Chapter office (650) 697-6538 fax and phone

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2006 Wild Game Dinner

Don't forget to save Saturday,
May 6, 2006, 6:00 PM for your chapter's Wild Game
Dinner at the *Three Flames Restaurant*,
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Ticket prices are \$65.00 per person.
Contact Beverly Valdez, 650-697-6538 for
reservations.

Donations of game may be made by contacting
Bob Bergstrom, 650-207-0591

Bay Area goes Digital!!

Yes, the good old hunters located in the middle of the Silicon Valley are finally going digital with their awards banquet. Better late than never I guess. All awards for the banquet on the 6th of May are being accepted by e-mail and there are no required scoring sheets, just a nice photo of the animals taken in calendar year 2005.

Please see use the nomination forms to nominate your choice of Sportsman, Member or Lioness for 2005.

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Chapter News

SCI SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

As a member of the SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, I wish to nominate the following:

Sportsman of the Year: _____

Member of the Year _____

Lioness _____

Comments: (Why you feel this member should have this Award)

Your Name _____

(Nominee must be a chapter member in good standing at least two years prior to the nomination)

Return to Awards Banquet, 423 Broadway, #624, Millbrae, CA 94030

Fax to: 650-697-6538

E-mail: cam.greig@yahoo.com

Must be received no later than April 23, 2006.

For reference past awardees are:

Sportsman of the year

Lee Bohner 89
Ray Folloso 90
Joe Bullock 91
Al Lawson 92
Steve Nelson 93
Jack Newell 94
Stan Atwood 95
Arnie Glodschlage 96
Pamella Atwood 97
Dean Miller 98
John Peterson 99
Gabriel Tabib 00
Jim Uhl 2001
Bob Keagy 2002
Gil Orr 2003
Mike Nice 2004

Member of the year

Bob Bergstrom
Jack McClosky
Ed Avazino
Malcolm Kirkwood
Gabe Tabib
George Cobb
Craig Boyles
Stan & Pamela Atwood 2001
Cathie Nelson 2002
Gil Ricarte 2003
Ilah Uhl 2004

Lioness Award

Hillary Goldschlager
Ila Uhl
Pamela Atwood
Paula Bullock
Sabrina Atwood 2001
J.P. Pewett 2002
Jeana Rolsky 2003
Cathie Nelson 2004

Board of Directions Positions Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the chapter Board of Directors. The term of office is for two years. You will help to set the direction of the chapter and work with a great group of people to make a difference.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Jim Peters (jim@safariclub-sfbay.org).

The membership vote will take place June 2006 for July 2006 - June 2007 terms.

Garry Wright Chapter Hunt

Space is available for the Texas Adventure chapter hunt with Garry Wright. Garry is one of our long-time supporters and donors. If you missed being the high bidder on his hunt auctioned at the fundraiser this is a perfect second chance — and you'll get to hunt with friends!

The hunt is going to take place sometime in late August through October 2006. We will be taking exotic game and hunting on private ranches. Cost is \$300 per day for accommodations; additional cost will depend on the game taken.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jim Peters (jim@safariclub-sfbay.org).



First Annual Fireweed Festival

Join Chef Bob Hurley as he heads off to Alaska for the first annual Fireweed Festival sponsored by Hurley's Restaurant and Napa Valley's Jessup Cellars Pouring Estate Vintages.

This is an incredible opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula along with the wonderful flavors of Napa Valley — what a pairing!

The longest days of the Alaska summer and the fullest blooming of fireweed, June 17 - 21, is the date for this 'beyond compare' trip.

The package is \$2395 and includes four nights lodging at Tim Berg's Alaskan Fishing Adventures. Also includes all food, wine, beverages AND three days of guided fishing with fish processing on the famed Kenai Peninsula. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Reservations: 1-800-548-3474

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Cabela's gift certificates cannot be combined with any other membership recruitment incentive, and sponsor name must be noted at time of membership purchase. Sponsors must be SCI members in good standing to receive Cabela's gift certificates from SCI for recruiting new SCI members. International SCI memberships cost \$80 to qualify for \$50 Cabela's gift certificates. This is not a renewal program. Membership dues are not tax deductible, and all payments must be in U.S. funds. This special membership campaign ends December 31, 2005.



The American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) - West (located near Jackson, Wyoming) is accredited by the American Camping Association as a Conference Retreat Center.

AWLS dedicates one week annually for ladies who want to hone their outdoor skills. We call our program BOW & More; the "More" is a six-day wilderness experience that is comprehensive, fun and adventurous. The investment of time will provide you experiences that last a lifetime.

Each year the San Francisco Bay Area chapter sponsors several teachers to AWLS and assists women who want to attend BOW & More.

If you are interested in either the BOW or AWLS programs or know someone who is, contact Gil Ricarte (sfbacmember@aol.com) and download the BOW registration form at <http://www.safariclubfoundation.org/education/outdoorswomen/bowreg.pdf>.



Hunting and Fishing Report & Evaluation Form Safari Club International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter



Dear Member: Whenever and wherever you hunt or fish, you are the eyes and ears of our club. The information and impressions you provide through Hunting and Fishing reports is invaluable. Please take a few moments to send in your completed report so we can pass along this information to our fellow members. Information and photos received will be used in Base Camp.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____
 Street address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Hunt location Country: _____
 Area/concession: _____

Dates of hunt: _____ Total number of days hunted: _____
 Species taken: _____

Were animals: Abundant _____ Occasional _____ Scarce _____
 What type of game were most plentiful: _____

Trip booked by: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Comments: _____

Outfitter's name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Your personal guide: (Name) _____
 Would you recommend your personal guide to other members: Yes No

Comments: _____

Camp facilities:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Equipment condition:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Food:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Trophy preparation:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Trophy shipping:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____

Transportation used during hunt: Airplane Boat Vehicle Horse By foot Other
 Cost of hunt: _____ Cost of airlines: _____

Was the total cost of hunt in line with the services and quality of the outfitter and animals taken: Yes No

Did you include photos for Base Camp? Yes No

Can we forward this report to SCI National for Publication: Yes No

Comments: _____

Please mail or fax completed form and/or your narrative, computer disk and photos to:
 San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International
 Attn: BaseCamp • 423 Broadway, #624 • Millbrae, CA 94030
 fax: 650-697-6538
 E-mail: bev@safariclub-sfbay.org



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (NEW MEMBERS)

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Date: _____ National Member #: _____
 Chapter Affiliation: _____
 Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Occupation: _____ Spouse Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Fax: _____ Email: _____
 Firm name: _____
 Firm address: _____

*Preferred communication: Phone Fax Email

Would you be willing to serve as an officer or on a committee in this chapter? Please check one:

Yes () No () If yes, in what capacity would you like to serve? _____

Applicant Signature: _____

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Dues Only\$45.00
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and Safari Club International Dues\$100.00

Please return this form together with your check to:

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter – SCI
423 Broadway, #624
Millbrae, Ca 94030-1905

***** JOIN BY FAX *****

Fax to: San Francisco Bay Area Chapter – SCI at (650) 697-6538

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Card Number: _____ Expiration: ____/____/____

Name on card: _____ Phone: _____

***** SPACE BELOW FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY *****

Date: _____ Sponsor: _____

Approved: _____ Membership Date: _____
(Membership Committee)

Chapter Membership # _____ () Badge () Certificate



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
423 Broadway, #624 Millbrae, CA 94030-1905
(650) 697-6538 phone and fax

YES! I support the conservation and educational goals of SCI. Enclosed is my check

- \$30.00 One Year
- \$75.00 Three Years

YES! I want to be a Life member of the SCI Sables and show long-term support for SCI's conservation and educational goals.

- Enclosed is my check for \$500
- I am an SCI Life member; my check for \$250 is enclosed

- New member
- Renewal

I am interested in working on the following committees:

- Educational
- Conservation
- Humanitarian
- Fundraiser
- Membership
- Other: _____

Other suggestions

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

*Preferred communication: Phone Fax Email

Sponsor: _____

Signature: _____

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Young Hunter Membership



The SCI Young Hunter Membership is offered to youths who are 17 years of age and younger. This membership is meant to attract youths through educating and promoting the mission and goals of SCI.

“SCI is the leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and in promoting wildlife conservation worldwide”

Young Hunters are eligible for the awards competition, listing in the SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals, and attendance to SCI’s Annual Hunters Convention. The Young Hunter will also receive an added bonus an issue of the “Annual Hunter’s Handbook”

- \$ 15.00 North America (USA, Canada, Mexico)
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MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MANDATORY) ___/___/___

Must be 17 years of age or younger

My Check is Enclosed (US Funds Only) \$ _____

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Name printed on card _____

Please list relationship with the above applicant _____

Signature _____

Mission Statement for San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International

- To promote good fellowship among those who love the outdoors and the sport of hunting, shooting and fishing.
- To promote conservation of the wildlife of the world as a renewable resource in which hunting is one management tool among many.
- To help conservation efforts by supporting worthwhile projects, both verbally and financially, when possible.
- To educate our youth in the safe and proper use of firearms and to interest and teach them in conservation and preservation of the forests and animals, which are our national heritage.
- To share the latest hunting experiences and information of our members so that other members may profit from same.
- To operate the association as a non-profitable organization, originated for the enjoyment of the members, and with the thought in mind that perhaps we can be of assistance in helping to conserve and preserve the animals which we love to hunt today for those who will come to love the sport tomorrow.



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