



'Tis the Season

The holidays are here and it's hard to think about much of anything else. But quick on the heels is another season - convention season.

Before we even have time to take down the holiday decorations, it's time for the International Sportsmen's Expo. With seminars, special events, hundreds of exhibitors, and fun contests and competitions, this show is great fun. See page 5.

This year the Annual Hunters Convention in Reno promises to be the best ever. The convention grows each year with more activities and more exhibitors. It's a great place to connect with people from all over the world. See the web site at <http://www.safariclub.org/>.

Our local Greater Bay Area Fundraiser is THE place for you to get together with friends, have a good evening, and get great deals on fantastic hunts and merchandise. Your registration form is on page 20 and also at the web site <http://www.gbafundraiser.org/>.

Register today for the events you'll be attending and you won't need to remember to do it after the holidays!



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- **IES San Mateo**
January 11-14, 2007 - San Mateo
- **SCI Annual Hunters Convention**
January 24-27, 2007 - Reno, NV
- **Greater Bay Area Fundraiser**
March 3, 2007 - Foster City
- **Board of Directors Meetings**
Third Thursday of each month
Vic's Restaurant in San Carlos 6:30 p.m.
Please call Beverly Valdez at 650-697-6538 for details.

President's Message



By Dwight Ortmann

Dear Members;

Wow! Where has the year gone? By now most of us have completed our North American big game hunts, have the Christmas tree up, and are calling into work sick so we can hunt ducks and geese.

When the holidays are over, don't forget to come by the ISE Show on January 11th to 13th, at the fairgrounds in San Mateo. Your SCI Chapter is having a booth there again this year and could use your help in setting up, manning the booth, and of course taking it all down again. We are asking only a few hours of your time and you will meet many of your friends there. Please contact Richard Pierce.

In addition to the ISE show, don't forget to attend the 2007 Fundraiser on March 3. This year's fundraiser — *Call of the Wild* — under the direction of Ilah Uhl is going to be one you don't want to miss! Reserve your table now! You can do so online at www.gbafundraiser.org or contact Beverly at 650.697.6538. If you would like to be part of the "gun club" please contact Stan Atwood at the same number. As always, thanks for your on-going support for local activities and helping in any way that you can.

Please remember that we still have our, no make that your, membership drive going. The discounted rate for new members is in effect through February 2007. Why not give a friend a membership for Christmas. For every member you sponsor you get a chance to win a Browning 270. For more info visit the website at www.sfariclub-sfbay.org

If you haven't done so, you need to register now for the annual Hunter's Convention in Reno on January 24-26. Plan on attending the Wednesday night dinner where your chapter will be recognized for the 2006 Fund Raising Publication award. We are also planning a President's chapter party—please check the website of date and time. As many of you know, the convention is a great time for all. Come out and support your club and the many suppliers and outfitters that will be there. If anyone is interested, SCI needs help with the annual "feeding the hungry" program on Tuesday the 23rd. Contact Annette, Ilah or other Sables member for more information.

Until next time—hunt often—hunt safely!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

Dwight A. Ortmann

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The Sables Miombo Corner

Can you spare a few hours between now and March 3rd? If so, why not join us as we prepare for the local fundraiser — you'll have fun, meet new people, and help make a difference.

Our locally raised funds help send students and teachers from the area to AWLS, bring the Sensory Safari trailer to town, and develop education and conservation programs.

And when you are at the Annual Hunters Convention in Reno don't forget to attend the Sables lunch and auction on Friday!



Sables members gather for annual gift and ornament exchange in early December.



ISE San Mateo Event Kick-Starts 2007 Sportfishing and Hunting Season

The ISE San Mateo Sportsman show, January 11-14, gets the 2007 sporting and fishing season off to a rousing start. Now in its 31st year, this show is one of America's premier fly fishing show, fishing show, hunting show and boat show.

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Chapter Hunt 2006

CHAPTER HUNT AT ARROW FIVE Ilah Uhl

What are the ingredients for a successful and fun hunt?

Good outfitter, experienced and knowledgeable guides, good food, lots of game, and fun people to hunt with. This management deer hunt had all the right ingredients and a great time was had by all.

Arrow Five with Jim and TinaMarie Schaafsma in Zenia, California is not just a good outfitter — they are one of the best! Since this was a chapter hunt Jim and TinaMarie went overboard to provide extra beds, food and guides so we could have 8 people attend. The Schaafsma's are chapter members and loyal supporters to our chapter and annual fundraiser.

There were lots of deer and all of us got ours as you can see by the photo below. Jim, David Evanow, Austin Scott, and Cody Eldridge took the guys out and TinaMarie took the girls out. The cook, Jay Anderson kept us well fed (I think I gained 5 pounds!) and helped out with the skinning, etc. It was a great team effort.

Hunters included Tom and Dave Enberg, Don Clowser, and James Caccia and his sons Gino and Anthony. All are SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter members except for Gino and Anthony — they now have applications and will be sending them in to join the chapter. Monica Ganz (ex-San Francisco Bay Area Chapter member and current SCI Chicago member) and myself completed the group.

In addition to all of us getting a deer, Tom (aka "Joe Montana") and Gino shot a boar and I got a coyote. There were many "firsts" accomplished on this hunt. This

was Anthony's first time to shoot an animal (but definitely, not his last), Gino's first boar, James and Ilah's first California deer (and blacktail).

The evenings were spent gathered around the campfire telling stories and having a great time. The funniest joke was on Don when David, Gino and Anthony substituted Black Velvet for his prized Jack Daniels. But Don got the last laugh when he emerged from his trailer with his own private stash of mini Jack Daniels in a plastic bag.

Jim and TinaMarie also have deer trophy hunts and we saw some beauties. In addition to the deer hunts they have pig and turkey hunts. This is a beautiful area to hunt in with lots of good game. Accommodations were great and the food is fantastic and plentiful. Ask any of our group for further details.



Back row: Don Clowser, Dave Enberg, Ilah Uhl, Tom Enberg, Monica Ganz,

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How in the World did I End Up Here?

by Cam Grieg

[This is a multi portioned recording of how one of our members, Cam Greig, found himself having to deal with being the owner of a game ranch in South Africa. This is the final of three installments in the article. If you ever wondered what went into actually owning a game ranch read on...]

GAME INTRODUCTION

Now this is what it is all about!! Any new game rancher has dreams of teeming herds of game roaming his property with trophy size males herding along the fat females carrying next year's progeny. The problem is that as you get into it, you find that it is not just a matter of letting out a few animals and suddenly being over run with game. Each species must be reviewed as to its predicted ability to thrive in your various habitats. Unless you have unlimited resources you will also find that the game is very expensive and needs to be acquired in sufficient numbers to get breeding going. For many herds this ends up being a complete livestock truck full of game, often 50 or more of each species. Since you are buying the surplus from other game ranches they tend to have taken off all the large males, so you get a mix of females, young and small bulls. The practical approach is you will not be hunting them for at least 5 years unless you pay premium prices for the trophy size males. Careful attention to genetic inbreeding is also an issue and it is best to get several herds from different sources to maintain a healthy genetic mix.

Over 20 breeding herds of indigenous species have been either re-introduced or slowly fanned back

to life on Bombazi. Deciding on which animals would prosper on the ranch was a major decision for the management of the ranch. We were fortunate to have a ranch with a broad variety of habitats. Over 1000 feet of elevation separate the high and low points of the ranch. Twenty nine ponds and reservoirs are spread throughout the ranch. Three small streams meander and fall across the valleys. This all makes for a wide variety of niches where the animals can each find where they prefer to live and thrive. Small animals are making a come back, along with the reptiles, birds and various wildlife. We have even released a number of tortoises. A balance is maintained between the various herbivores in order to not put excessive pressure on any one part of the habitat. Some of them are browsers, others are grazers, and some are a bit of a mix. Some animals like the high crags of the rocky bluffs, while others hang out in the wide open plains, while the kudu and nyala hang out back in the bush.

Even before the fence was complete I spent one full day with my game consultant going over lists of animals that I wanted to put on the property and reviewing how many of each type could be accommodated. Animals were taken off the list for various reasons:

- The introduction of any of the big five; buffalo, lion, leopard, elephant and rhino would preclude us from being able to have anyone walk or ride horses on the property unescorted. Since family activities were a major goal of the ranch we decided to not put any dangerous game on the property.

- Some animals the neighbors did not want: Blue wildebeest carry a disease called Snotsiekte and it infects cows, so my neighbors asked not to have me place any on the ranch. We are in

the process of working this through.

- Some game destroys the property: Warthogs are notorious for wrecking the fencing and putting holes in it. In spite of this we have had several hogs make it onto the property. They were delicious.

- Sable and roan antelope are gorgeous, but at South African prices it just is not feasible until the operation is making money.

Our final list included grazers, browsers and mixed feeders.

The animals I wanted to have the most were the spiral horned antelope of Southern Africa. This meant I would be trying to establish eland, kudu, nyala and bushbuck on the same property. The first issue I ran into was that a lot of reports are surfacing that the nyala are very closely related to the bushbuck. So close in fact that the bull nyala will often not let the female bushbuck get bred by a bushbuck. Due to his large size the nyala will scare off the smaller bushbuck suitor, even though the nyala can not breed the female. As they occupy the same niche I had to create a physical barrier if I wanted to have both animals on the ranch. For this reason I consented to have a cross fence to separate the two species. This arrangement was also perfect for accommodating both Burchell's zebra and mountain zebra on the ranch. It also allowed me to think about bringing in bontebuck and keep them separate from the blesbuck, as they would also interbreed. Initially I hated the idea of fencing any more than I had to, but conceded in the end this was necessary.

I made the decision early on to not have any dangerous game on the property. Our business plan was to be catering mainly to families, not just to hunters. We wanted a fam-

ily friendly place. That meant we did not want any future clients to be afraid to walk around the property. With any of the big 5 (elephant, rhino, buffalo, leopard or lion) loose, people would be more hesitant to walk freely around, and liability issues were also a concern. In addition, the big cats were known not to be very discriminating on what game they ate and often found the more expensive game very palatable. In the Addo Elephant Park, not far from us, the newly released lions found that the hand reared, disease free buffalo were not only tasty, but completely unafraid of predators. It was a very expensive introduction for the park.

I felt we needed to have the species typically associated with Africa. This included first off the zebra, impala and the giraffe. We brought the giraffe in late, as they are very prone to getting their legs caught up in the cattle fencing, but the other species were brought on quickly. The impala are a very rapid breeder, with twins a common event. The herd has grown quickly and split a number of times. I will soon be in the enviable or not so enviable position of having to cull the herd to keep it in check. As they are a mixed feeder they compete for food with the browsers and put a lot of pressure on the shrubs and small

bushes. If left unchecked, they will get to a point you can actually see a "browse line" all over the ranch as high as they can reach. Obviously that is not desirable, and would affect the nyala and kudu negatively.

A balance of cost and numbers needs to be realized early on. We soon found that we had spent more on nucleus breeding herds than we had on the property itself. That was a bit of a shocker, and something to be acutely aware of if you are looking for your own property.

Zebra were purchased early on for a number of reasons. First of all they just look like Africa and represent an aura of the bush. On a practical basis they are bulk grazers and will eat any grass available. This is good when you have a lot of grass, which we do. What I learned about acquiring zebra though was quite interesting. They must be caught and moved as a family group or they will severely harm or even kill each other when being transported. At one of the first auctions I bought a group of eight, and released them in an appropriate area. After two years and no young I questioned my game manager what was going on. He spent some time in closer observation and concluded that the group was all male, and thus probably would never have any babies. They

must have all been kicked out of a herd as teenagers and got along, giving the semblance of a family group. Further zebra purchases have reproduced much better.

One of the strangest game incidents on our property to date involved our zebra. A group of five was all found dead in a small area of bush about 40 yards in diameter. It was the buzzards that told us they were there, so already too late to do a necropsy. The skins looked intact and no sign of bullets or predators could be found. None of the meat was harvested. With all of them dying so close together it eliminated almost all the possibilities we could contrive of. After much research and thought my personal opinion was that they were killed by a lightning strike a number of miles away. It must have passed through a convenient structure of ironstone, coming through the surface just where the herd has decided to rest up for the day. No lightning had been observed in the immediate area, but further research has convinced me that it is capable of traveling many miles through conductive rock like ironstone, which is locally abundant.

A number of the animals on the ranch are nocturnal, making use of the cool nights to do their foraging. One of these is the armadillo, or

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African anteater. With a prodigious set of claws on his front legs and pig-like snout, he forages for grubs and termites by burrowing all over. Why he chooses to make so many of his holes in the roads is beyond me, I can not imagine the concentration of ants is higher there, but he does. When he gets to a fence he simply digs under it. If the other animals did not follow him I would not be so nearly concerned, but with his assistance \$20,000 worth of lechwe crept out onto my neighbor's property and it took a full cast of characters to bring them all back in. Soon afterwards they disappeared again, and we have not been able to fully locate them. Opinions vary as to what has happened, but there is a body of belief that they are in fact still on the property, just skulking around the bush. I hope so because I would not like to think the poor shortsighted aardvark was in fact the mastermind of the greatest escape to date from the ranch.

A truly spectacular animal that I really wished to have on the ranch was the Oryx, or gemsbuck. It is indigenous to South Africa, but my ranch was only considered marginally optimal for them. We bought a small group to see how they would fare, and watched them closely. We continued to watch them closely, and it was over three years before we were finally rewarded with young ones, as they seemed to have finally settled down.

Our only big stock loss was also with the gemsbuck. My manager received a call from a dealer trying to sell some gemsbuck. The dealer was questioned closely and asserted they were from RSA and so we bought 20. Within short order of release they all started to die. Within weeks they had all disappeared. My manager then told me when he scrutinized the veterinary certificate it was clear they had been

imported from Namibia; we guessed that not being acclimated to the different conditions in RSA, then had all succumbed. Apparently there is no recourse for this kind of unscrupulous dealing other than not to buy from those kind of dealers any more. It was just a terrible waste of some very beautiful animals. In the meantime the original herd has been joined by some more and they have settled in nicely.

One animal I almost refused to acquire was the red hartebeest. It is a singularly ungainly animal with a bizarre elongated face and a distinguishing rocking lope. All of this makes them a very unique animal to have roaming the plains, and now that they are established I am pleased to have them as part of our endeavor.

The eland are the largest of the antelope, with the big "blue bulls" surpassing 2000 pounds, or one ton, in weight. The older males develop a dewlap and marine style crew cut with maturity and were the game most revered by the ancient bushman of the property. Their caricatures grace the cliffs in a couple of places on the ranch. These animal just love to roam and will not be found hanging about in any one spot for a long time. Our eland seem to have taken particular love of the digs we have offered them and are breeding up extremely well.

Vaal rhebuck, oribi and common reedbuck have more recently been introduced and it will take a couple more years before we see if they are able to settle in or not.

Once the game fence was installed and all of the previous stock hands moved off the property, the indigenous game that was still on the ranch started to show their hand a bit more. It turns out we have quite a vibrant population of the mountain reedbuck, with some very top qual-

ity animals available. The common or southern duikers had been snared quite a bit, but seemed to make a very rapid come back as soon as they were afforded protection. Bush pig sign is throughout the thicker parts of the ranch and on occasion are scared from their sleep by the staff working in the bush. These three species represent huntable animals that were left after years of petty snaring and hunting with dogs.

The black wildebeest are a conservation success story extraordinary. Down to a reported 30 specimens in living memory the animals have rebounded with great success. I now have more black wildebeest on my property than were reported to be in existence in the whole world at one time. They are a striking animal with the long white tail, giving them the name white tailed gnu. They have a crazy habit of almost dancing in circles when disturbed. With their tails flying they make a very remarkable sight and play the part of the clowns of the savannah.

Acquiring animals is actually quite easy in RSA. Once your ranch is enclosed you apply for a permit and it is given to you by a national authority that inspects the fencing. Different types of fencing are required for different types of game.

Cubs shooting schedule

December 16, 9:00AM

Coyote Valley Sporting Clays

January 13, 9:00 AM

Coyote Valley Sporting Clays

February 10, 9:00 AM

Santa Clara County Range, rifle shoot

Contact Bob Bergstrom via email at bergie257@hotmail.com.

We chose to put up a fence that could be certified for all of the game except the dangerous big 5.

In the equivalent of their fall, game auctions take place all over RSA. As a general rule helicopters are used to drive game on well stocked ranches into huge capture nets. The animals are restrained and loaded into cattle cars with hay on the floor. Over time they have figured out a number of tricks to ensure safe and stress free delivery. Oryx have garden hose put over their horns to prevent injury. Nyala bulls and reedbuck get private boxes. Giraffe have a special carrier that allows them to be delivered standing full upright. It is always a wonderful sight to see a wild animal bounding off the vehicle and into the veld (RSA term for the range) to take up a new life on our wilderness property.

PREDATORS

Predator control is very high on the priority list of South African ranchers, especially sheep ranchers. They feel that the black back jackal and caracal, or lynx, are significant moderators of their sheep numbers. For this reason the local community around us has come together and established a jackal pack of dogs. They chip into the pot and rotate the pack to hot spots, trying to keep the jackal and lynx numbers down. Initially I was very willing to join in on the pack, but a number of catastrophes (they killed a nyala the first time inside the fence) and inability of the dogs to actually catch any predators on my property has dampened my enthusiasm. I brought over a live trap concept that I saw used for mountain lions and it has worked very effectively on the lynx. It is a large wire compartment with guinea fowl living in it for bait. A box trap with drop door is attached to the side of it. As the cat circles the wire enclosure trying to get at

the fowl, they go into the box trap and are caught. A single trap, in the first six months, caught 5 lynx, more than the whole jackal pack catches in a year. I am still searching for an effective way to control the jackals. I am not against them being on the property, I just want the numbers low enough to allow the smaller mammals and birds to make a come back.

PROGRESS – SLOWLY BUT SURELY

An old ranch house on the property was renovated to live in. After attending a number of auctions it suddenly all started to come together. The rich diversity of the land we had acquired, which was poor for cattle, was suddenly the perfect answer for the game. They thrived and bred, showing us in visible terms of progeny that they liked where we had brought them. Slowly we worked through the various issues. We rejuvenated all the wells, getting them pumping again, and put in a field of alfalfa for the inevitable dry years ahead. We pulled down miles of the old cattle fencing and improved the roads. Good riding horses were acquired as the preferred means of travel on the ranch, and a full time staff was hired. Houses were built for the staff and schedules set to patrol the fence and keep an eye out for poachers, who took a number of the young the first calving season. Trees and bushes all over the ranch have been identified with placards, inscribed with the common, local and Latin names of the vegetation. A bird list for the ranch was initiated and is rapidly approaching 200 species on the property.

We suddenly found ourselves the proud owners of 10,000 acres of wild South Africa. No new father could have been prouder and we threw a huge bash, inviting all of our new

neighbors to come meet the crazy Americans. When we asked them what they thought about us they said we were “not as old nor as fat” as they thought we would be.

NEIGHBORS

Working with the neighbors is a very critical issue. As I was the first person to have a game ranch in the immediate neighborhood there were, and still are, a lot of misconceptions. The first was that we were so fabulously wealthy that cost was of no concern to us in any matter. The very mention of either game ranch or American owners seems to double the price of anything you are trying to acquire. Managing this was, and still is, a very difficult feat. Many prices are much lower in RSA, but at the same time many of the equipment and vehicle prices are actually higher. Labor tends to be quite a bit lower, but this is changing rapidly. A very positive thing we did early on was throw what all South Africans love, a braai, much like our barbeques. Now when they throw a braai everyone is expected to bring their own alcohol. Since we do the buying, our braai have always been very well attended and make for a very informal and pleasant way to meet all of the neighbors.

TIPS AND NOTES

My one advice to anyone thinking of doing anything like this is to be patient. Time has a completely different meaning in Africa than it does in the USA. Things that should take a week will often take months. Things promised to be completed for me a year ago still have not been started. If you push you may achieve a bit more in the short run, but it will not make for good relationships.

Americans are seen as a skin full of money just walking around ready to be bled off at any time. In fact I believe the average African, no mat-

ter what the nationality, feels that he is doing the American a favor, as so much money must be causing stress on our system and if they siphon a bit of it off we will all feel better.

Each visit to the property fills me with excitement and wonder. I have turned into a true rancher who wants to hear first of the weather and then of family matters when I call. Rain has dominated the talk of mankind for centuries, but as we move more and more toward a "civilized" style of life it matters less and less. No longer will it determine if you eat or not this winter, and has been delegated to driving decisions of which kind of shoes to wear or jacket to bring. For the rancher the rain is still a driving force in his life and nothing makes me happier than to hear the weather is treating us nicely and the feld is doing well.

I hope to continue to create a haven for the road weary family to come, rest and replenish. I hope to be privileged to be there to introduce youngsters to the wondrous facets of the great out-of-doors. My wish is that people who visit Bombazi and get rest for the soul and will be enabled to touch the inner being that is not bound by concrete and glass, but knows how to spy the nyala bull as he remains stock still in the bush. Hopefully I will get the privilege of continuing to spend time with my family enjoying nature and learning all about the wonderful universe we live in. If so it has all been worth it.

CONCLUSIONS

A world renowned expert in ancient civilizations and Bushman paintings was invited to be a guest to the ranch. Over several visits he explored the property with us, looking for signs of previous inhabitants. Ancient rock corrals were found along with the grinding stones used by the migrant herders hundreds of years ago. A large number of

knapped flint pieces indicated that a small "factory" for stone implements had once been active on the property. Bushman paintings were found along the main streams, indicating that the land in fact had been hunted for thousands of years. The dream line of the bushman runs clearly through the paintings and back into a deep crack in the rock. It is believed this was to bring the power of the spiritual world out in hopes of good hunting.

The reestablished herds of eland, the mystic animal of the bushman, now graze contentedly on the grasses in the green flowing valleys surrounding these ancient worship sites.

I can't help but believe they would be happy with what we have done. In the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt there is a balance between the hunter and the conservationist and Bombazi wilderness has been the embodiment of that for me and my family.



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Call of the Wild

Answer the call — book your table for the March 3, 2007 SCI Greater Bay Area Banquet and Fundraiser.

You can find your registration form on page 20 or on the web site at:
<http://www.gbafundraiser.org/>.

Once again there are great incentives for registering early. This year's early bird incentive is a special "Your Choice" raffle for booking a half table (5) or full table (10) before January 31, 2007.

The Your Choice options are a Browning Gold Medallion 7M Mag rifle, a giclee canvas print by John Banovich, or a Texas exotics hunt with Garry Wright.

For your early bird registration you'll get one (for a half table) or two (for a full table) raffle tickets. Items not chosen in the Your Choice raffle will be included in the regular auction.

We have many exciting hunts, trips, and wildlife themed merchandise to be auctioned. We also have a large number of quality firearms and beautiful artwork to be raffled. Here are just a few examples.

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In addition, we have nearly 50 outstanding hunts and trips for auction. Whether your interest is in Africa, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Mongolia, or South America or closer to home in North America — you will find at least one hunt or trip that you absolutely must have on our list of donations.

North American hunts include hunting the Alaska Chignik Lake area for brown bear, fishing for salmon or rockfish on the Huli Cat out of Half Moon Bay, heading out to Nebraska for a trophy whitetail archery hunt, or taking a quick trip to Montana for antelope.

Other hunts include our favorites from Africa, Australia/New Zealand, Spain, and South America. There are too many to list here! Check the web site often for the latest listing.

We also have beautiful fine art and home items this year — including etched scrimshaw from African artisans and fine art pieces from Eric Forlee and Blaine Dabb. A special item for auction will be a FIRST edition of the famous Jack London 'Call of the Wild,' printed in 1903.

Sables are once again putting together some of their finest baskets for raffle along with beautiful furs, jewelry, and other precious items for auction.

Don't forget to bring **young hunters and potential hunters** with you. We have a special youth raffle with quality hunts and other items for young or first time hunters.

Of course, one of the main components of the night will be meeting new and old friends, enjoying games and dinner, and sharing our experiences and planning new ones together.

We have a number of rooms reserved at the Crowne Plaza for the special rate of \$89 per night. Call the Crowne Plaza at 650-570-5700 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention the Greater Bay Area fundraiser to get the special rate.

Don't hesitate to contact Beverly (650-697-6538 or bev@safariclub-sfbay.org) if you have any questions!

This is a night the whole family will enjoy! Bring your family, relatives, neighbors and friends! We nearly sold out last year, and we expect we will sell out this year. Please order now and assure your place!

Below are just a few of the hunts you'll find at the fundraiser March 3, 2007.

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Arrow Five Outfitters

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FIVE (5) DAY WINGSHOOTING EXTRAVAGANZA FOR FOUR (4) IN BEAUTIFUL ARGENTINA

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Jannie Otto Safaris

SIX (6) DAY SPIRAL HORN HUNT FOR TWO (2) IN SOUTH AFRICA

Lindsay Fraser Hunting Safaris New Zealand

FIVE (5) DAY SCI BOOK FALLOW BUCK HUNT FOR ONE (1) HUNTER WITH WELL-KNOWN OUTFITTER AND SCI SUPPORTER

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Nebraska Trophy Whitetails

FIVE AND ONE HALF (5.5) DAY NEBRASKA TROPHY ARCHERY WHITETAIL DEER HUNT FOR ONE (1) HUNTER

Richard Holmes Safaris

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TEN (10) DAY PLAINS GAME SAFARI FOR ONE (1) HUNTER

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Kings Of The Kenai Tom Hirte

You can interpret the title as reference to the fabulous King Salmon fishing in the Kenai River of Alaska, or the way you feel after you have landed one of these awesome fish.

This was my first trip to Alaska and the first trip for my friend Roger Steffensmeier as well. My brother-in-law Jim Peters had shared some of his past King Salmon fishing experiences on the Kenai River of Alaska with me. After I discussing these stories with Roger, we were both pumped-up for the trip. There were six of us going and the other four, Jim Peters, Ron Gurski, George Kallas and Anthony Ricarte, had previously been King Salmon fishing in Alaska.

The six of us flew into Anchorage, Alaska and met up at the hotel in Anchorage. From there we drove around the bay called Turnagain Arm to Soldotna on the Kenai River. After we settled-in to our rooms in the Log Cabin Inn overlooking the Kenai River, we discussed strategies for the three days of fishing for Kings on the Kenai River. Alaska has a limit of one King Salmon per person per day, with a yearly limit of two. Ron had told us that on the

first day we shouldn't keep anything that weighed less than 40 pounds. Then after catching that keeper on the first day, you go after only trophy fish on the second day. If you don't catch a trophy on the second day, you keep one more over 40 pounds on the third day to limit out for the year. With all of this talk of having the luxury to be selective, and the huge fish in the River, I had built my expectations to a fever pitch.

On our first night at the Log Cabin Inn, our fishing guide Dan Dube met us there to explain the plans for the first morning of fishing. He told us that the King Salmon made several runs in large groups up the Kenai River to spawn. He said they had already made their first run and it had been a pretty good one, but the second run had not materialized yet. So, he warned us that under the current conditions, catching King Salmon would be sporadic at best. My expectations for catching "the big one" had just been deflated.

The professional guide-operated fishing boats on the Kenai are limited by law to four people in each boat, so four of us would fish with Dan each day and two would be fishing in another boat. There are primarily two methods of fishing that the guided boats use for catching King Salmon in the Kenai River. The first method, and the one used by Dan, is drifting the boat over the channels in the river

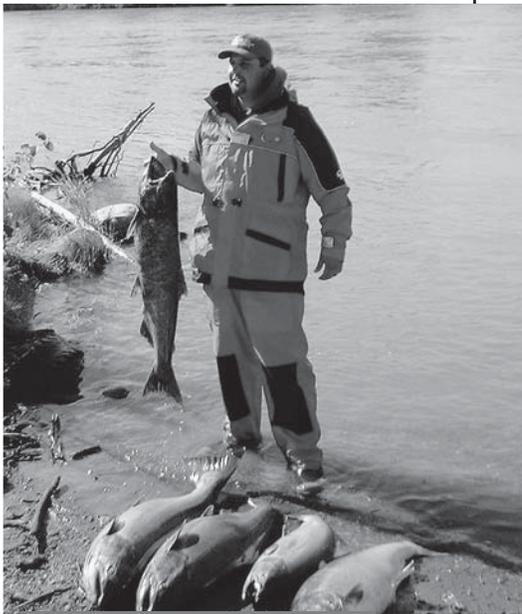
bottom that the salmon tend to follow on their way up river to spawn. Here your hook drags behind you as the boat floats down river. The other method is called back-trolling. With this method, the guide points the bow of the boat up river and, using the outboard motor, maintains the boat almost stationary against the river current. The guide maintains the boat above the channels in the river bottom as the current carries a lure down river, again where the fish tend to travel on the last journey of their life. In both cases, the knowledge and experience of a professional guide cannot be overemphasized.



Tom (right) and Jim Peters with King salmon

The drift fishermen use a bare hook with a glob of scented salmon eggs attached in a loop above the hook. A spinner called a spin N'glow is attached about three feet above the hook. The back trollers use a plug lure with a piece of sardine tied around the

body of the plug. Once the King Salmon move into the river to spawn they are no longer feeding. I found it curious that natural baits would be used since the Kings were not feeding. Dan told me Kings were aggressive while they were spawning and you basically tried to irritate them into striking at the bait and hook. I



Tony with King salmon

couldn't help but wonder how many years and how many hours on the river it took to determine these successful fishing techniques.

For the first day of fishing on the river, Jim, Anthony, Roger and I went in Dan's boat. In light of the conversation we had with Dan the previous evening, we all had pretty low expectations of catching fish, but still had high expectations of having fun. After all, it wasn't raining and the weather was warm. We started drifting and fishing at 6:00am. With the drift method of fishing, the hook

and bait bounce along the bottom of the river. It took me a little time and a couple of hook-setting pulls on my rod and reel to get used to the constant tugging on the line as the hook bounced over the rocky river bottom.

The four of us and Dan were all sitting in the boat and chatting, holding our rods as we drifted down river. At about 7:00am I had a good tug on my line. There was no mistaking that for a bounce on the bottom. I pulled hard on the rod to set the hook and the rod nearly bent in half as the King took off. My adrenaline rush started and the fight was on. Dan called out "fish on" and this was the signal for everyone else to pull in their lines. When Anthony had reeled in his line he grabbed the landing net and held the loop end in the air to signal the other boats in the area that we had a fish on one of our lines.

Using the outboard motor, Dan skillfully followed the King as it continued up river. This reduced strain on the fishing line and made it easier for me to take line up into the reel. You can't just try to force a King Salmon to the surface of the water and toward the boat. After about 10 minutes of following and playing the King it was tired enough that I could bring it up along side

of the boat. When the landing net came toward it, it was not so tired it didn't take off again. With a little more reeling and pulling up on the rod I got it back along side the boat and the net. Dan said it was a 30 to 35 pound fish and I now had a decision to make, keep the fish or let it go. The reason for the decision is that once you keep a fish you are done fishing for the day. With my low expectation for Kings this season I was elated to have just caught one and I thought it prudent to keep it. So, Dan scooped it into the landing net and we had our first King Salmon of the season in the boat. It later weighed out to 32 pounds. Not a big fish by King standards, but it felt awesome to have caught one.

With my keeper for the day in the boat, I was done fishing for the day. I kicked back on my seat, put my feet up on the boat rail and read my Safari magazine. My reading was occasionally interrupted to deliver sandwiches and beverages to the other guys in the



Jim with King salmon

boat as they continued to fish. Later that morning Jim landed a 55 pound King which would turn out to be the last one of the day for the six of us.

The next day we fished in the afternoon and Roger, Anthony, George and Ron fished on Dan's boat while Jim and I joined another twosome on a different boat. That afternoon Ron caught the fish of a lifetime. He landed an 84 pound King Salmon. He said the fish nearly pulled him overboard when it hit. It took him 15 minutes to play the fish and bring it onboard. Later in the day George caught a 43 pounder. In our boat, Jim caught a 45 pounder and was the only person in our boat to catch one. Jim had limited out for the year and we had 5 Kings for our first two days. This was better than any of us had expected for this year.

For the last day of fishing we went out in the morning again. Even though Jim could still fish "catch and release" he decided to pass on the last day of fishing and allow Roger his spot on the boat with Dan that day. That meant it was Ron, George, Roger and myself fishing in Dan's boat and

Anthony went with a twosome on another boat. That morning George caught and kept a 51 pound King, I caught and kept a 32 pound King and Ron caught and kept a 20 pound King.

Ron, George and I had each limited out for the year. I was elated with the outcome of the fishing so far, but I felt bad that Roger hadn't kept any yet. Earlier Roger had battled what appeared to be a large fish from bank to bank to bank to bank, only to have it spit the hook before he could get it close to the boat. He later caught about a 20 pounder, but opted to let it go so he could catch a larger one.

It was getting close to 10:30am and our shift on the boat ended at 11:30am, so Roger was running out of time. Dan said he thought the majority of Kings had made their way up river and he had a spot he thought would be successful. As we motored up river we passed Anthony bringing in his 28 pounder. We started our first drift at the new location and went about 20 feet when Roger hooked up. He landed a 44 pounder and it turned out to have been a good decision to let the 20

pounder go.

We finished up with 5 fish for the third day and a total of 10 fish for the three days. Four of us had limited out and everyone caught at least one fish. Not an outing as successful as the other guys had previously been on, but everyone was happy and considered the trip a success.

Just to put in a plug for Alaska in general, it has awesome wildlife and scenery like nowhere else in the world. On the way out for our first day of fishing there was a moose in a field just outside of town. We saw several bald eagles scavenging along the Kenai River. We could see mountain peaks and glaciers from the boats on the Kenai River. During a boat voyage we took out of Seward we saw sea lions, sea otters, seals, killer whales, mountain goats and a black bear sow and her two cubs. I have never seen so many miles of untouched forests.

If you would like to have a fun and successful fishing trip like this, call Dan Dube Sept.-April (907) 337-5390 May-Aug. (907) 262-6515 or browse www.dan-salaskafishing.com.



Tom Mattusch of El Granada and Lucy & Don Mah, of Daly City with a Black Bear taken on their Sitka Blacktail deer hunt on the Queen Charlotte Islands. A Weatherby Vanguard in .300 Win Mag convinced this 330 pounder to come home with them. The trio also caught chum salmon on the Squamish River and took a generous number of Mallards on the mainland of British Columbia in Surrey.

Amazon Tours Peacock Bass Bob Keagy

The lodge is lovely, the service great, the guides knowledgeable and hard-working, and the fishing was excellent.

We caught a 21 pounder (picture attached), four 19 pounders, two 18 pounders, and a bathtub full of other large fish. I'd guess that we had well over 40 peacock bass over 10 pounds in the boat.

The only fly in the ointment was the extended schedule going in, which involved getting through Brazilian customs at roughly 1 a.m., but then with really nothing to do until the local flight left for Barcelos at 7 a.m.--this made for a long, exhausting first night.

The big surprise was the efficacy of trolling five-inch streamer flies, as opposed to casting the top lures (such as the Woodchopper or Rapala) that had been more commonly used heretofore. I trolled a garish five-inch streamer fly in gold, silver and purple, imitating exactly no known forage fish, but the big peacocks would hit it like a freight train. Most surprising!

Overall, an excellent experience that both Pam and I enjoyed.



The National Sporting Goods Association reports that a new survey confirms growth in female participation in hunting and shooting.

According to the survey, 72 percent more women are hunting with firearms today than just five years ago. And 50 percent more women are now target shooting.

Here's a roundup of specific NSGA findings on female participation from 2001 through 2005: hunting with firearms, up 72 percent; hunting with bow and arrow, up 176 percent; overall (net) hunting, up 75 percent; target shooting with rifle, up 53 percent; target shooting with shotgun, up 16 percent; target shooting with handgun, up 33 percent; target shooting with air gun, up 55 percent, overall (net) target shooting, up 50 percent.

The NSGA survey suggests more than 3 million women now hunt and over 5 million women now enjoy shooting.

Bay Area women enjoying hunting and shooting are invited to join the Sables. See page 22 for application.



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- 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.
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