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Glenn Chrisman took this buck (SCI 150") at Briarwood Sporting Club in Ohio. Look for another Briarwood hunt on auction at the Greater Bay Area fundraiser in March.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Heart of a Hunter is always restless.

Many of us are coming off hunts we have treasured. Some of us hoped we had hunted a little more. For some, the trophies are being processed. For some the trophies will come next year. As hunters and those who value wild game conservation and how our dollars contribute to it, now is time to start next years planning process.

The SCI National Convention at Reno is about a month away, **January 26 - 29, 2011**. If the entire four day package does not feel right, consider a day or so to see what outfitters from around the world have to offer. There are old friends to re-connect with, new people to meet, outfitters to learn from and opportunities to be had. If possible, plan to attend on Thursday and join other chapter members as we celebrate at the Grand Sierra Hotel (Tom Mattusch suite) from 4pm til 7pm.

Whether you go to Reno or not, keep in mind the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser, **March 5, 2011** in Foster City at the Crowne Plaza. As a member of SCI, you have the advantage of a committee that strives to bring truly memorable opportunities from around the globe to you right here in the Bay Area. Be it something for the house, something to wear, something to use, something to enjoy or a trip to remember, there is all that and more at the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser. Should you wish to get involved on a committee or to help create this great event, contact folks listed in the program for more information or ask me how you could to help. The registration form is on page 23 and you can also register online at www.gbafundraiser.org.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter hosts it's second annual Crab Feed on **February 5, 2011** at the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club on Lake Merced, in San Francisco. Those that were there last year will tell you, there was no shortage of crab! Great food, lots of company and a little story telling, made for a memorable evening. We expect this year to be even bigger and better. Call some friends and co-workers to enjoy this event with you. The signup form is in this issue of Basecamp and online at the web site www.safariclub-sfbay.org.

Don't forget the upcoming chukar hunt on **March 16th**. Join me for day of chukar hunting at Black Point Sportsman's Club for chukar, lunch, clays and good company. Limited to 10 participants, \$325 per person. Contact me at 650.726.2926

Are your friends members of SCI and the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter? Safari Club International remains the leader in protecting hunters right to hunt, conservation measures around the world, humanitarian efforts conducted locally and globally, and important education programs. Get a friend or co-worker to join for \$200 for a three year SCI and San Francisco Bay Area Membership to become entered into a \$10,000 Cabela's Gear Give Away! Someone has to win this and I would rather have it be some one I know!

Do you have a friend that tells you, 'I am already a member of (thus and such)' Ask them if that organization has lobbyists both in their state and the nation's capital? Ask them if that organization has filed to protect hunters rights on issues like wolf predation on game animals and livestock. Has that organization worked on behalf of polar bears, birds, deer and others species across the globe? SCI works locally, nationally, and globally to protect hunter's rights. Your San Francisco Bay Area Chapter brings you in touch with like-minded people to share a heritage we are proud of and enjoy.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a most prosperous new year. May the coming years hunting dreams become a reality for you.

Regards,

Tom Mattusch



Taylor McGannon's first deer hunt and first deer, a Tehama forkie.



Top: Paul Williamson with turkey at Tim Reich - Wyoming ranch. **Middle:** Richard Papapietro with lesser kudu. **Bottom:** John Ware and Paco Pizarro with feral boar.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

December 31, 2010

Make your reservation to the 2011 chapter hunt. This is a great deer hunt in Crook County Wyoming with Tim Reich (chapter member). The hunt will be from November 10th (arrival) to the 15th (departure). Your tag application will be submitted for you. This great hunt has room for 3 more hunters. Total cost is \$1500 plus your transportation to the ranch just across the state line from Rapid City SD. You will be hunting whitetail deer. Submit \$500 by December 31 to secure your place for this great opportunity to experience a family-run ranch hunt with your San Francisco Bay Area chapter friends!

January 23, 2011, 4pm-6pm

Plan to meet the owners of Makadi Safaris, Katja and Diethelm Metzger. Katja and Diethelm are the second generation of Metzgers to be affiliated with the Chapter and have donated to the fundraiser for more than 20 years. This is your chance to meet them, to hear about the great hunts chapter members have taken with them in Namibia, and perhaps to plan your own dream trip. The reception will be held in Redwood City. RSVP to Beverly.

January 26-29, 2011

Don't forget the Annual SCI Hunters Convention in Reno, it really is "the ultimate" for hunters. If you haven't registered yet, do it on the website now at <http://www.showsci.com>

January 27th, 2011

President's Reception 4-7pm at the Grand Sierra Hotel. Join your friends for fine food and fellowship at the Tom Mattusch suite at the Grand Sierra Hotel.

February 5, 2011

The Annual Crab Feed at Pacific Rod & Gun in South San Francisco comes in at just the right time for great tasting crab and fun for the entire family. More info will be coming your way right after the new year.

February 17, 2011

Next Board meeting - Combined Jan/Feb meeting. Location TBD. Note: this returns us to the normal 3rd Thursday schedule.

March 5, 2011

You'll find some great hunts, family trips, unique gifts, and hunting or fishing gear at the Annual Greater Bay Area Fundraiser in Foster City. This year's slate of more than 50 live auction items includes a leopard hunt, North American elk, deer, bear and the best of all California state tags, the Golden Opportunity deer tag. Registration has opened; Early registration ends February 5th. In the meantime, bookmark the website <http://www.gbafundraiser.org/> to make sure you stay up to date!

March 16, 2011

Black Point Chukar Shoot. Chukar, lunch, clays and good company. Limited to 10 participants; \$325 per person. Contact Tom Mattusch at 650.726.2926 for reservations and information.

May 22, 2011

Annual Wild Game Dinner, Three Flames in San Jose

August 28, 2011

Annual Bob Bergstrom BBQ Coyote Point in Morgan Hill

If you are interested in becoming more active with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, contact any Board member or Beverly in the chapter office at 650-697-6538 (phone and fax) or bev@safariclub-sfbay.org.



Top: Tim Maier with timber wolf taken in British Columbia, Canada.

Middle: Ted Potter caught this 5.5 lb wild male steelhead, Klamath River, Ca.

Bottom: Diane Sheardown, fishing with brother Ted Potter, caught this wild male steelhead approx 4.5 lbs.

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THREE HUNTERS, TWO PIGS, ONE GOOD TIME...

For the Chapter pig hunt we went to Hopland Ca and hunted with Lockwood Hunting Services. Tim Lockwood and Hop met Joe, John and I Saturday morning at 5am. Since we had upgraded the hunt to be guided instead of self-guided, Hop would stay with us for the weekend; it was a very good upgrade.

We drove up the mountain (to about 3000 ft elevation from 1800 elevation - took about 20 minutes on the winding road with many switchbacks) and got ready to go. In the end Joe got a pig of about 225-250 lbs, John got a pig of 125-150 lbs and I got a lame leg!

First Hop would go with Joe and then with John and I. Hop dropped John and I off on a trail leading around the top of one of the hills overlooking the main canyon and explained the various paths we might take. We took off and within moments saw the rear-ends of pigs in flight. After trying to follow them for a short distance we went back to the main path and started around the mountain.

We saw Joe's big boar (at least we are pretty sure we saw him based on talking it over with Hop later) - he was on our side of the area they call "Blue" and went up and over to let Joe shoot him! We talked about him for a long while and decided he was WAY too far for us to shoot at 500 yds or more. Hop came to tell us that Joe had gotten a nice pig. He dropped us at another likely spotting



area while he was working on Joe's pig but we didn't see anything. Joe, having gotten his pig, left by 11am to return home to a nice relaxing weekend! Hop then picked us up and we went to the "Grandstand" viewpoint where you could see almost the entire canyon and had a look but didn't see anything more that morning. We took the mid-day break and when we came back we went to where pigs had been that morning. We were up a little higher and had a good view of the back side of Blue mountain. We saw about 20-25 pigs up at the top but too far to shoot at 400 yds or so although we definitely debated doing it! There were some really big bruisers, one that we estimated at 300 lbs. By this time it's getting close to dark and we started back but saw another herd on the opposite side of the canyon with 4 good boars and quite a few more. Once again it was 300-400 yds and the light was going so it would have been difficult to shoot and really bad if it was a non-killing hit. So, we knew where we would come back the next morning and headed back to the gate.

On Sunday we went back out at 5am again and got to the general location that we saw the pigs the night before. We got there early - about 6am. We watched the hillside and saw one small pig come out but he went back into the trees really quickly. As we debated going up to the top of Blue

or down into the canyon we heard the squeals down below and headed down that way. It was steep and slippery of course and we were going at a good pace - so good that I'm still limping from a knee that got twisted. John got into position first so he took a shot at the biggest one in the herd and downed him with one shot. It was a nice 120lb eater. But that meant that the canyon was probably not going to see any other pigs for the day. Once we got him loaded John and I went back over to the oak area where we had seen a lot of signs on Saturday. We did the loop around the hilltop while Hop worked on our pig. But, although there were fresh signs again, we didn't see a single thing.

Lockwood also does blacktail deer hunt (there were plenty on the property we were hunting) as well as black bear, moose and elk, and bobcat, mountain lion, and antelope hunts.

If you get the chance to hunt with Tim Lockwood, be sure to take it. See his website at <http://www.lockwoodhuntingservices.com> or contact Beverly at the office for more information.



BOB PUETTE AT THE LANDER ONE-SHOT ANTELOPE HUNT

September 18, 2010 was the opening of the antelope season in Wyoming and I had the privilege of being there as a participant in the Lander One-Shot Antelope Hunt.

This contest dates back to 1940 when a 5 man team from Wyoming challenged a like team from Colorado to see who could get the most antelope with one shot with ties broken by the total time it took the hunters from the official season opening. The hunt has been held annually since then with the exception of 1942 through 1945. For the past few years 8 teams of three hunters competed in the contest with the Governor of Colorado and the Governor of Wyoming always fielding a team. The rest of the teams are chosen by the One-Shot Committee based on submitted proposals. This year we had one team with three National Baseball League Hall of Fame pitchers. My team was called the "Traveling Huntsmen". One further challenge in the hunt is that shooters cannot use any artificial gun rests which includes slings, shooting



sticks, bipods, vehicle hoods, fence posts, etc. Local bushes and rocks are okay to use as a gun rest but there aren't many of these around

Only one team got all three of their antelope with one shot so they were this year's winner and unfortunately this wasn't the Traveling Huntsmen. However, I am pleased to report that I did get my antelope in one shot at 218 yards only 21 minutes from the opening bell. Believe it or not, there were two shooters that shot their antelope in less than 10 minutes from the opening. This was the first year in a long time when over 50% of the shooters actually got

their antelope in one shot. Our team may not have won the day but I was very happy that my antelope was the largest taken this year and measured a little over 14 inches. This was a great experience with several days of festivities in Lander including an official Shoshone ritual that made me a blood brother of the Shoshone Indians as a result.

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At last years Mule Deer Foundation fundraiser, my friend Carlos Ambrozak and I purchased a morning pheasant hunt with JJ Raposo at Blackpoint. JJ is a member and donor for both MDF and the SCI San Francisco Bay Area chapter. At the time we didn't know JJ, didn't know pheasants, and didn't know where Blackpoint was. I'm happy to report all of these things have changed for the better.

It took almost a year for the timing to work out amongst club availability, bird availability, JJ's availability, Carlos's availability, and mine. Sometimes I wonder how anything ever gets done. But, anticipation is a sweet sauce, and so we set out on a Saturday morning with great hopes and excitement.

I left my home in the bay area at 5:30 AM, picked up Carlos at 6:00 AM, and planned to be at Blackpoint by 8:00 AM with time to spare. The directions sounded simple enough, but I should have printed a map. We got a bit lost, but had plenty of time to get directions along the way and still arrive by 7:30 AM.

Blackpoint is in one of those special, forgotten areas where you are amazed to see cattle grazing within sight of a spectacular view of the Bay. The

idyllic landscape was magnified with fog shrouding the fields at dawn, silhouetting the cattle in varied shades of grey depending on the mist between them and us. The peace and calm were fleeting.

Blackpoint was a beehive of activity. The parking lot was full of trucks and SUVs. Everyone walking about was in some combination of camo, denim, muted browns, and of course the ever-present hunter's orange. They all seemed to have purpose and know what was going on. We had no doubts we had found the right place. As with anything new there was a bit of trepidation.

I'd encourage anyone who sees someone looking around with a bewildered look on his or her face to offer advice. We sure appreciated the guy who had heard of JJ, and pointed us in the right direction to sign in. If you want more new hunters and a growing hunting community, welcome new hunters!

We found the cozy lodge, with enough trophies to easily entertain an avid hunter for an hour checking them all out. The lady checking people in was welcoming, and also knew of JJ and our hunt. She helped us out with a few clarifications and told us what JJ looked like.

Back outside we quickly found JJ and Jim, both with their dogs. They were a couple of affable, rugged individuals as you come to expect of anyone you might meet who is a hunter. We quickly established a common ground. First, for all of us to have fun. Second, to work the dogs and enjoy watching them. Third, to have a good morning walk. And

finally, to shoot a few pheasants if opportunity and luck collided.

Things started out a little slowly. It took a half-hour for our first bird to flush. In the excitement no shot was fired. Shortly thereafter, a second bird was flushed, and after a perfect swing through tracking arc and a single shot, Carlos had a bird down. High-fives were shared all around. But it was another 20 minutes to find the bird amongst the thick, knee-high cover.



Did I mention the cover? Blackpoint seems to have a smooth operation running to accommodate a large number of hunters. Part of it is clearly delineated field assignments. As luck would have it we were assigned the North end of field 5. I will be the first to admit that as I high-stepped through the thick sage—boots and pant legs weighed down by the morning dew—I looked with a bit of jealousy at the neighboring fields that were but ankle high fresh mown hay.

All told we spent two solid hours in the field, with a short 10-minute break for a drink—especially for the dogs who were working hard—around 10 AM. Then we were back at it until 12:15 on neighboring fields. During the course of the day we had flushed 13-15 birds, but through

some being out of range, and some bad shooting as to be expected from newbies, we bagged five. Note I don't say "only" five, as Carlos and I were both very happy and this exceeded our expectations. The second walk resulted in only one flushed bird but we didn't bag him. He took me by surprise, literally bursting from the safe a few feet in front of me.

Carlos and I sure had a great time. We enjoyed watching the dogs work. And I'm sure their work was doubled, as they sometimes had to leap to get through the sage rather than simply trotting. It was great getting to know Jim and JJ and we hope they enjoyed themselves as well.

As it turns out JJ is quite the accomplished African big game hunter as well. He shared a few good



stories as we covered the fields. We all had a good walk. And we were lucky enough to take advantage of a few opportunities. The first and most important opportunity was purchasing the hunt at the fundraiser auction to begin with!

– John Ware



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We were lucky enough to be the high bidders on one of Paco Pizarro's legendary Argentina hunt donations at the 2010 Greater Bay Area fundraiser.

Paco has been donating to the chapter for many years and for even longer to National SCI. We looked forward to a great 2011 hunt! But on looking at the donation we realized we had to take the hunt in 2010 and so made plans to go over the Thanksgiving week.

The trip to Paco's ranch in Argentina is quite long although the time change is only 5 hours. There are the 13 or so hours in flight to Buenos Aires and then another 3-hour flight to Santiago del Estero (SDE). Following that is a 3-hour drive to Paco's Añuritay ranch. So we planned the arrival to be in the late evening so that we have one good night rest before the hunting started.

Paco takes great pride and pleasure in personally guiding the hunts with all of his clients and he assures that only one client group is on the property at a time. A client group could be one person or in our case two or as many as 12 for a small game hunt. Large game hunts he likes to have no more than 4 hunters so that he can ensure the satisfaction of all. This allows



him to give full personal attention to all of the clients he takes on and he has had many well-known clients. We thought we might not be treated the same as others but once we were there we quickly lost that feeling as we were treated like royalty.

We had planned to make this hunt for deer – Axis deer, red stag, and fallow deer were on our initial list. However, our unfortunate timing meant that we arrived in the late winter / early spring and deer season was over. Because of the large number of species that Paco has on the property we had choices of sheep, goats, buffalo, wild boar, capybara and other species that sounded like fun hunts.

As usual, my criterion was not so much for the size of the trophy but for the beauty of the animal. John was interested in larger trophies. We both wanted to have a try at wingshooting since we had not done this before.

Paco carefully manages his ranch and does a lot of work to make sure he knows where the animals are likely to be. In the late fall and winter they would likely be quite a distance from the ranch house complex but in spring / summer when the water is not as available they are likely to be found close to the complex.

There was also the environment for us to consider. By 11am the temperature would be between 90 and 100 degrees and stay that way until late afternoon. So we had a 6-hour hunting day with mid-day hours for other activities. Good thing we brought many books to read! In the winter it would be quite different of course and hunting would happen throughout the day.

Our first morning hunt time was spent getting ready and sighting in so the first hunt for us was the afternoon.

We were hoping to find a nice Dorset ram, a "Texas Dall" or maybe a wild goat. It was the day after a rain so it may be difficult to locate them.

For the afternoon hunt we went out into an area of about 4,000 acres where we roamed over the meadow-like areas that Paco had cleared the previous two years. Without the clearing it would probably have been impossible to find any animal, as the untended land is overgrown with thorn bushes with minimal ways through them.

It took about an hour before our first animal sighting – a Dorset but too small. Then we found another Dorset with a split horn. Finally we found a nice Dorset with beautiful skin and horns. After stalking the sheep on foot through the meadowlands for about half an hour I took a good shot at him and he went down.

Paco told us later that night that the Dorset was probably in the top ten and maybe even the top five! My excitement continues to be about the beauty of this particular animal but it's also great that he is among the top of his breed.



Throughout the week we spent with Paco we were able to get all of the big game that we had decided on taking. Plus we experienced wing-shooting and horseback riding – two firsts for us.

Paco’s resume is very extensive, and difficult to put into a short article. He has successfully reintroduced native species such as the white-lipped peccary. He gives back to his community by sending surplus wild game to an orphanage in Santiago de Estero, and shares generously with the local community. He is generous with his donations to SCI, Wild Sheep Foundation, and other conservation organizations and has been acknowledged as one of the most prolific donors in SCI’s history.

For more on Paco, see his website at <http://www.anuritay.com>. And if you want a really great hunt be sure to bid the next time you see an Añuritay donation on auction or book with Paco directly – either way you will be sure to have an excellent hunt!



Opposite page: Beverly with hybrid sheep (Dorset) **Top:** John Ware with capybara. **Middle:** John with water buffalo. **Bottom:** Beverly with multihorn sheep.

BY THE NUMBERS

20,000 acres – the size of Paco’s Añuritay Ranch

300 – head of water buffalo on the ranch this year.

23 – species available on one ranch including indiginous and introduced (blackbuck, deer, buffalo, sheep, peccary, wild boar, capybara, puma).

20 years – the time Paco has been owner of Añuritay and building the ranch wild game and his reputation.

16 miles – the length of cendaros (wide meadow pathways) carefully planned on the property.

12 – Number of SCI awards and commendations displayed on the fireplace including 2005 International Professional Hunter of the year and 2007 Top Master Measurer of the year.

9 – bedrooms in the luxury lodge plus 5 bathrooms.

8 – species of deer including red stag, fallow, typical and non-typical axis and the red and grey-brown Brocket deer (both in typical and non-typical although the non-typical is very rare). The brockets are indigenous species.

7 – number of the top ten trophies in SCI book from Argentina that were taken at Añuritay.

5 – species of wild sheep including European Mouflon, Somalian, multi-horned, and the hybrids “Texas Dall,” and Dorset.

3 – species of water buffalo including drop horn, Mediterranean, and Murrah.

3 – species of peccary including the rare white-lipped and collared peccaries.

3 – species available only at Paco’s Añuritay Ranch (capybara, brocket deer, white-lipped peccary)

1 – really great time hunting for John and I in 2010!

In just a few lines, I am able to sum up my hunt with John X Safaris to Mozambique. Professional Hunters, Carl van Zijl and Poen van Zyl, guided me together with tracker, “Gotchi”.

It was a great hunt. Six super trophies in eight hunting days. Everything from the small Livingstone’s Suni, to the large Cape Buffalo, and in between, a Red Duiker, Chobe Bushbuck, Baboon, with great teeth, and a magnificent Sable.

I saw Africa.....

The most important things brought home for me were the memories.

Each morning, a pot of tea along with a platter of rusks was delivered to my tent at 5:00 a.m. The long hot and humid hikes in the forest areas following Buffalo, and only seeing small patches of the buffalo moving away. The split second my shot was made on my Buffalo and the way the trackers could follow nearly un-seen tracks. The time around the campfire, sharing stories with the professionals and regular hunters. The noise from the birds, animals and of course the insects. The colors, flashes of brilliance from the birds, and the soft green color sifted by the sunlight in the forest. These are the things that I will remember the most.

Join me as I share my experiences with you through the lens of my camera....



Having booked a Cape Buffalo and Sable as my main priorities on my hunt, it came as a great surprise that my first trophy would be a Red Duiker. I wasn’t going to let this monster of the Red Duiker world pass me by!



On our daily hunts I met some locals who enjoyed their palm beer. locals who enjoyed their palm beer. “Beer Garden” - Mozambican style



I even tried some myself! Not bad considering it had been fermenting in 90-100 degree heat for 2 days.



My first Cape Buffalo was always going to be a highlight. The 03.30 wakeup, my first feelings when laying my eyes on the small group over the pan ahead of us, and then my shot. The bulls reaction and our tracker “Gotchi” seeing things I could only imagine. Then the charge - our standoff and my old Buffalo bull.

After a long days hunt I could come back to a warm shower, the water did take a while longer to heat up, but it sure was worth it.



Evenings were spent around the camp fire and dinners around the dinning room table in a rustic camp.



I had a few visitors near my tent at times, this certainly a colorful guy!



I love handguns and have hunted almost all my safaris in Africa with a handgun. When Carl mentioned there was a chance of me using the camps 22 Long Handgun, I couldn't resist. I bagged my Suni with it.



On one occasion we headed out towards the swamps to hunt along the edge of the flood plain for Chobe Bushbuck and Sable. We didn't have success that morning, but our resident PH, Poen van Zyl, found this Liechtenstein Hartbeest that had died. We all agreed it would make a super decoy, we just needed a bow!



I finally got my Sable. The smile says it all!



While out on the concession we often bumped into the remains of a country that had been at war for 30 years. None of the locals chose to use these old buildings as homes, they believe the spirits of the people who lived there before still linger in the ruins.



Our tracker "Gotchi" showed us a few survival skills too. The water was extremely clean and apart from a woody after taste, it quenched our thirst.



Carl and I with my Chobe Bushbuck. We worked hard for him!



On my last day I asked my tracker "Gotchi" if I could meet his family. He jumped at the idea and escorted us to his village. It was great seeing and meeting the people who survive off the support we as hunters provide by going hunting. If it weren't for hunting in this particular area then none of these people would have any way of a stable income.

I lived an African Safari, the way Corbett, Ruark or Hunter did. I went back in time and lived a real African Safari.



Thanks and Goodbye! Until 2012 my friends.....

You will find the latest information on the fundraiser at the web site (www.gbafundraiser.org) but here are some of the great listings for hunts and special trips that the committee has already confirmed. Start planning your trip today!

1 Week Luxury Living at Lake Nicaragua for Up to 4 People

Live “la vida bela” in the beautiful colonial city of Granada, Nicaragua. This fully restored Spanish colonial home is beautifully equipped and furnished with two air conditioned king-size bedrooms, each with private bath on the second floor, for privacy. Living room and kitchen areas are fully furnished and equipped with everything you’ll need.

4 Day Wyoming Ranch Hunt for Mulie or Whitetail for 1 Hunter

This deer hunt is in prime deer country with opportunities for either mulie or whitetail deer. Ranch owner Tim will guide you with lodgings, breakfast, and dinner included. This is a great opportunity to experience a family-run ranch hunt and would be a great hunt for families.

5 Day Columbian Blacktail Deer Hunt for 1 Youth (Minimum Age 12) with 1 Parent OR First Time Hunter

Don’t miss this great opportunity for a son, daughter, or non-hunting friend to enjoy a Columbian blacktail deer hunt with family-friendly Arrow Five Outfitters. This northern California hunt where

Jim and TinaMarie Schaafsma have an incredible 99% success rate on trophy class blacktail deer is one of the favorites at the GBA Fundraiser.

8 Day Wyoming Elk Hunt for 1 Hunter in the Famed Bridger Wilderness

Terry Pollard of Bald Mountain Outfitters and his family have hunted elk in the Bridger Wilderness for more than 40 years. This promises to be one of the best elk hunts you will find anywhere!

5 Day Plains Game Hunt In Namibia For 2 Hunters

Diethelm and Katja Metzger of Makadi Safaris have generously donated this 5 day plains game hunt for 2 hunters in Namibia. This has been a favorite African hunt for many chapter members over the years as the Diethelm and Katja are the second generation of Metzgers to donate to the SFBA chapter!

7 Day Plains Game Hunt For 2 Hunters and 2 Non-hunters in Easter Cape South Africa

Mike Murray of African Field Sports, a very long time donor, provides this great African safari. This hunt includes trophy fees for 2 black wildebeest, 2 blesbuck, and 2 common springbuck AND includes the VAT on the trophy fees!

6 Day “Springbuck Grand Slam” Hunt In South Africa For 2 Hunters With Jannie Otto

Experience the thrill of hunting the African Springbuck collection in the Northern Cape of South Africa with Jannie Otto Safaris. With average 350 to 450 yards shots in vast open areas with scattered hills and sage brush. Includes 1 white springbuck,

1 black springbuck, and 2 common springbucks to be shared by 2 hunters. Jannie is one of our long time donors and makes sure that every hunt is special.

10 Day South Africa Leopard Hunt for 1 Hunter

This guided 1x1 hunt is for one hunter. It includes trophy fees for one leopard and 10 days of hunting. Likhulu Safaris is donating this 10 day hunt in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

10 Day South America Hunt for 2 Hunters in Argentina

Over the past 15 years Paco Pizarro of Añuritay Ranch Adrenaline Adventures has had 100% success with his hunts and has more entries in the SCI record book than any other South American outfitter including many top ten and #1 trophies for red deer, fallow deer, axis deer, wild goat, multi-horned sheep, Mouflon sheep, blackbuck, Pere David deer, alpine ibex, South American whitetail, and water buffalo.

10 Day South African Hunt for 2 Hunters and 2 Non-Hunters OR 4 Hunters

Richard Holmes of Richard Holmes Safaris is a professional hunter for many years and believes in offering quality hunts for experienced hunters and young hunters alike. This hunt includes trophy fees for 2 common blesbok, 2 black springbok, and 2 common springbok to be shared by all hunters.

10 Day South Africa Hunt for 1 Hunter

Southern Cross Safaris embodies the spirit of Africa and holds one of the finest game reserves in Great Karoo, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Chris Cawood and family preserve the Old World charm while providing one of the last great adventures of the world - an African safari. With this top-notch hunt, you will experience a true Private Game Reserve ambiance and Old World charm. This hunt includes trophy fees for 1 springbuck, 1 impala, 1 mountain reedbuck, and 1 fallow deer.

6 Day, 6 Night Photographic Safari for 2 in South Africa

Zulu Nyala Game Lodge offers the magic of a photographic journey in South Africa's Zululand conservation region, one of the richest conservation areas in South Africa, is enough to make you "Dream of Africa" forever. This trip includes three meals per day prepared by the finest international chefs, two game viewing activities per day guided by professional game rangers in open safari vehicles, and luxury accommodations in an air-conditioned, four-star game lodge. Hunting is available at published prices for many of the South African animals.

2 Day Dove Extravaganza for 4 Hunters in Argentina

Marcelo Gil, owner of MG Hunting, provides this 2-day hunt at the Province of Cordoba, 800 Km distance from Buenos Aires, one-hour fifteen minutes flight. Cordoba is renowned for being the most important site in the world for dove shooting. Within this area you will be able to shoot 1,000 to 1,500 shots per

day to an incredible amount of doves and pigeons.

3 Day Trophy Red Stag Hunt for 1 Hunter in New Zealand Including Trophy Fee for 1 Red Stag

Well-known outfitter and a longtime SCI supporter, Lindsay Fraser of Fraser Safaris New Zealand provides this 3 day/4 night hunt. The hunt takes place on beautiful Mt Cecil (private Fraser family ranch & estate of 15,000 acres). It is a beautiful and safe hunt for family & friends. Non-hunter activities are available with prior arrangement. Additional game to hunt includes Tahr, Chamois, Fallow, Wapiti, small game, and bird shooting. This hunt includes trophy fee for 1 red stag.

5 Day Macedonia Hunt For 1 Hunter and 1 Non-Hunter including Trophy Fee For Any Size European Mouflon Sheep

Our friend and long time donor Srdja Dimitrijevic of HuntInEurope is providing this great adventure. Macedonia is an undiscovered treasure-trove for hunters – a variety big game can be hunted. In addition to the included European Mouflon there are Balkan chamois, alpine ibex, aoudad, axis deer, thar (tahr) and wild boar to be hunted. This is also the only place in the world to hunt the famous Kri-Kri ibex with a rifle. This hunt includes trophy fee for 1 European mouflon sheep.

5 Days Hunt For One Hunter And One Non Hunting Companion In Spain

Long time Donor, Giuseppe Carrizosa - SPAIN, is donating this hunt in the Toledo Mountains and/or in the unique Cork Forest (Southern Spain) for Red, Fallow, Roe Deer and

pure-bred European Mouflon Sheep. Next travel to other mountain ranges to hunt for any of our four different varieties of Spanish Ibex and our two Chamois species. Besides wonderful accommodations and cuisine at our Hunting Lodge in the Toledo Mts, where the Spanish Royal family has hunted for generations, you will enjoy non-hunting activities, shopping and cultural visits. This unforgettable experience is as enjoyable for the non-hunting companion as it is for the hunter.

6 Day All-Inclusive Scotland Hunt For 1 Hunter Includes International Airfare Plus Trophy Fee for 1 Red Stag

This special package includes round trip coach airfare and all airport transfers – truly a unique privilege offered by our friends Michael and Danielle Grosse at International Adventures Unlimited – making this a very easy trip to organize! Hunt includes one estate red stag. SF Bay Chapter President Tom Mattusch has hunted multiple times with Michael and Danielle and will tell you what a great trip this one is for both the hunter and the non-hunter. This hunt includes fees for 1 Scotland Red Stag.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND DFG TEAM UP

Department of Fish and Game (DFG) wardens are working with the National Geographic Channel to showcase wildlife crime fighting in California. *Wild Justice*, debuted nationally with two episodes on Sunday, Nov. 28. More than 3 million people tuned in to watch one or both of the episodes. The show has now moved to a regular time slot of Wednesday nights at 10 p.m.

Each week, camera crews accompany California game wardens on patrol working everything from poaching investigations involving deer, wild pigs and abalone to illegal drug use/possession, stolen vehicles and illegal marijuana cultivation.

“Wild Justice, shows the public the diverse and dangerous job of a game warden,” said Nancy Foley, Chief of DFG, Law Enforcement Division. “The show will also begin to tell the story of what is happening to our wildlife at the hands of poachers and polluters.”

The vast majority of California hunters and anglers are engaged in lawful, ethical outdoor recreation. Legitimate hunters and anglers have contributed to the majority of the fish and wildlife conservation efforts in California for more than 100 years. Although the show focuses on the very small percentage that break the law, the series also recognizes

hunters and anglers who practice responsible conservation of the fish and wildlife populations – and their habitats – that we enjoy today.

“We hope *Wild Justice*, will give viewers a greater appreciation for California, fish and wildlife resources and the brave men and women who are sworn to protect them,” Chief Foley added.

For more information, see the National Geographic Channel, *Wild Justice*, website, www.natgeotv.com/wildjustice.

Patrick Foy,
DFG Law Enforcement Division,
pfoy@dfg.ca.gov

SCIF HUMANITARIAN SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP

SCIF Humanitarian Services needs to recruit 22 more volunteers for the Sportsmen Against Hunger “Feed the Hungry” feast on the eve of the 2011 SCI Convention in Reno. In 2010, we served a record 1,980 meals!

As always, the event--held in conjunction with The Salvation Army--will take place on the eve of the convention: Tuesday January 25, 2011, at the Reno Events Center, 400 N. Center Street in downtown Reno. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. (unless you will be helping with tear-down). A location map and further details will be provided to participants at a later date.

Once again, we will require people for set-up, hosting, food/beverage service and tear-down—or just to provide a smile and maybe some conversation to folks who normally don’t receive much of either.

Please let John Ware know that you are interested (johnware@gaiatec.com).



Buy Your 2011 Member Calendar

Every member gets one copy; additional copies can be purchased for \$6. Payment via check or MC/Visa. Contact Beverly at office (650) 697-6538.

Sables Annual Holiday Tea

Once again the Sables group gathered to share stories and holiday ornaments. With the year coming to a close the team is now thinking about next year's activities: the fundraiser in March and especially the drive to fund more teachers and students to go to the western SCI AWLS program. If you know of a teacher (any grade) or student (high school) who would like to attend, contact Diane Sheardown (auntidiane@gmail.com) for more information.



BLACK POINT CHUKAR HUNT



Let's go chukar Hunting! Black Point has a great chukar hunt that includes an incredible lunch and use of their shotgun stations. If you haven't been to Black Point, you are missing out on a tremendous opportunity in the Bay Area! I am looking for 10 hunters to participate. \$325 includes your bird hunting, lunch, bird cleaning, shotgun shells for the trap range.

RSVP (actually that is French for send money to) Tom Mattusch.
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I will pick that date that comes closest to fitting the first ten participants schedule.

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FALL MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

At our third-annual fall appreciation dinner event for members we were lucky enough to have Sandra Froman, previous NRA President as our guest speaker. She was on target and inspirational as she reflected on her history with guns, her hunting experiences, and the state of the nation and the need for hunters and gun enthusiasts to unite. There were numerous ovations and spontaneous cheers.

As part of this event program, we offered a \$5 discount on dinner tickets for members who brought a new (or used in good condition) winter coat for donation to a local charity.

Twenty-one coats were collected and donated to the local Samaritan House. They were well received and this is the right time of year for them to get the coats. Even in California a coat is a welcome help if you are on the street and it is raining.

The event was the last Sunday in October, and we plan to make the coat donation a new tradition for our chapter as part of the annual Fall Appreciation dinner. We would encourage other chapters to take similar action. It seems that an unavoidable part of hunting is the quest for better gear and the closets get full quickly.



Diane Sheardown with AWLS recipient.



Top Left: Speaker Sandy Froman.
Bottom Left: The silent auction was a big hit. **Right:** Dwight Ortmann receiving award.

MEMBER UPDATE

We'd like to welcome all our new members to our SF Bay Area Chapter.

Susan Froman

Kevin Lee

Blaine Nall

Jeff Roster



Top: Richard Papapietro with his white bearded wildebeeste in Masailand of Tanzania. **Middle:** Beverly Valdez with Feral Goat, Argentina. **Bottom:** Bob Keagy with cow buffalo taken at Armendaris Ranch in Texas.



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Share your love of hunting with friends and family at the Bay Area's largest hunters event! A night of family fun, raffles, and auctions including spectacular hunting adventures is waiting for you.

**On auction this year: California Golden Opportunity deer tag, Asian Marco Polo, elk in Montana and Wyoming, muflon sheep in Macedonia, leopard in South Africa, Scotland red stag, and much more!
See www.gbafundraiser.org for updates and registration.**

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SILENT AUCTION
has something for everyone with beautiful items selected especially for this event.

This year a special focus on **FIRST TIME, YOUTH, and WOMEN** hunters as we aim for the future of hunting in California.

Early Bird Deadline: February 5, 2011

Register for a full or half table by the early bird deadline and get a special raffle ticket to win "GBA Bucks" to spend on any item you like at the fundraiser.

On the web at: <http://www.gbafundraiser.org/>
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SCI GREATER BAY AREA Banquet and Fundraiser

March 5, 2011 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

To make your reservation, fax this form to 650-697-6538 or email to fundraiser@safariclub-sfbay.org. Call Beverly at 650-697-6538 for questions.

Register online with Paypal at <http://www.gbafundraiser.org>.

Dinner Tickets

_____ **Full Table (10 persons) @ \$750.** Be an "early bird" and get \$300 in General Raffle tickets and two (2) "GBA BUCKS" raffle tickets.

_____ **Half Table (5 persons) @ \$385.** Be an "early bird" and get \$100 in General Raffle tickets and one (1) "GBA BUCKS" raffle ticket.

_____ **Single Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$80 each.** Be an "early bird" and get \$20 in General Raffle tickets

_____ **Youth Single Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$45 each** (12 and under).

General Raffle and Progressive Bonus Raffle Tickets

_____ \$100 Package - \$120 worth of General Raffle tickets plus one (1) Bronze progressive bonus ticket

_____ \$300 Package(s) - \$440 worth of General Raffle tickets plus two (2) Bronze progressive bonus tickets and one (1) Silver progressive bonus ticket

_____ \$500 Package(s) - \$800 worth of General Raffle tickets plus three (3) Bronze progressive bonus tickets, two (2) Silver progressive bonus tickets and one (1) Gold progressive bonus ticket.

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Tickets will be held at the door.

Seating Request: we will do our best to accommodate requests, be sure to advise others if you are asking to sit with them! Best option is to purchase a table or half table.

Early Bird Deadline: February 5, 2011



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Yes, I plan to attend!

members (\$45): _____ # non-members (\$50): _____ # under 8 (free): _____

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Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated! \$ _____

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

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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
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I am interested in working on the following committees:

- Educational Fundraiser
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Yes () No () If yes, in what area would you like to be involved? _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____ Sponsor: (required) _____

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One Year	\$20	\$55	\$75
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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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