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3rd Thursday of each month

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Our chapter support helped to send these heroic servicemen on a spring bear hunt this year. See the story on page 17.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Members,

Summer marks the beginning of planning our California hunting for deer season. Many of us have California tags and opportunities, I not only wish you the best, but also hope to hear your stories and see pictures in future BaseCamp issues.

Speaking of California, I urge you to contact our local Assemblyperson and Senators whenever a hunting or shooting issue comes up. It is no longer enough to work diligently at our professions and expect our Legislators to take care of us. There are too many groups with agenda contrary to our own, trying to interfere with the sport we are passionate about. There is too much money pouring into our schools, subtly brainwashing our children with false conservation propaganda. I ask you to commit to contacting your local Legislators at least four times during the balance of this year asking them to support our hunting and shooting rights. Look for an email from Beverly or check the website or Facebook page and we'll keep you advised of the most current issues. Ask your friends to do the same. Remind your friends that SCI is to hunting what the NRA is to guns. Ask them to join SCI and our Chapter. Do you know a group of hunters or shooters, perhaps a club? Ask me about the Affiliate Program with SCI.

The new Board of Directors takes effect in July and is working to ensure that 2012-2013 is an exciting and fun year for all Members. Thank you again for your support. Be sure to check out our website for updated activities during the year. <http://www.safariclub-sfbay.org/>. I hope everyone has seen the article by Harrison Atwood in Safari Times. This is the future of our hunters and true Conservationists to come.

I want to mention differences in the structure of SCI and SCIF. **SCI** is the c4 part of our organization that can lobby our Legislators. SCI's marketing logo is First for Hunters. **SCIF** is the c3 part of our organization concerned with Conservation, Humanitarian, and Educational activities. SCIF's marketing logo is First for Wildlife. If you know of an outfitter or organization that would like to donate to raise funds for Conservation, please let me know. Perhaps you know someone who would like to make a difference by supporting a project for Conservation. I have a full seat on the Conservation Committee and would like to help those goals and aspirations be fulfilled.

May your next pursuit be a successful one!

Tom Mattusch, President

MEMBER PHOTOS



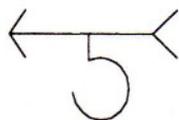
Above: Good Friday April 6, 2012. The weather was still too rough for fishing. The sand dabs eluded the anglers as the weather made it too rough to stand. The crabbing was better. 75 Dungeness crab made 14 anglers very happy!
Right: Bob Keagy wasn't able to catch a salmon after a week at a premier Alaskan fishing spot - but he did get one fishing on the Huli Cat in June! Pete Margiotta limited on the same trip.



Carl Santo with son Dylan and Yellow Rockfish aboard the Huli Cat.

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August 26, 2012

Annual Bob Bergstrom BBQ
in Morgan Hill

September 23, 2012

Annual Feed The Hungry
in San Jose

October 28, 2012

Annual Fall Appreciation dinner
in Belmont

January 23-26, 2013

SCI Convention / Hunters Market
in Reno

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 650-627-7601 (phone and fax) or bev@safariclub-sfbay.org.



Dwight Ortmann, Tom Mattusch, and Don Mah on goose hunt.

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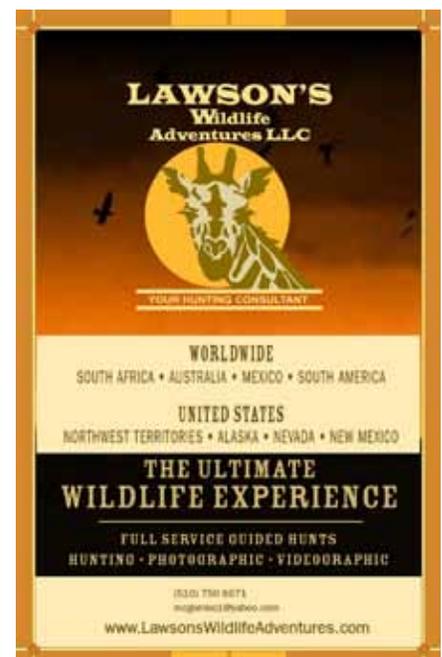
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5th Annual Bob Bergstrom Memorial BBQ & Shoot



BBQ AND SHOOT

Featuring chicken, steaks, elk, and turkey burgers grilled to perfection!

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Morgan Hill 408.778.3600

TIME: Shooting 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
BBQ Served 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM





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MEMBER UPDATE

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

Matt and Pam Burke
Samantha Faust
Richard Huynh
Gil Reyes

Chapter Wineglasses For Sale!

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter logo wineglasses by Riedel are available to purchase. These are restaurant quality (slightly more durable!) stemware that hold 21.5 ounces per glass. These are called the "Cab Merlot 446/0." Member cost is \$15 per glass or 2 for \$25. 4 or more are \$12 each. Order yours now by calling or emailing Chapter President Tom Mattusch. (650) 726-2926 or tommattusch@comcast.net.



Patagonia is a hunting paradise and home to Algar Safaris. For more than seven years I've heard about the excellent hunting and 'resort-like' accommodations at Algar. Now that I've hunted there I can only say, "It's all TRUE!"

Algar's property is in the Neuquén province of Argentina. It is a grueling air travel excursion followed by a one to two hour drive from Bariloche to the lodge, but on arrival you will know that it is all worth it.

The Alicura lodge is a beautiful property with recently remodeled guest rooms in one building and kitchen/bar-lounge/dining areas in another. Several other buildings round out the complex. The guest rooms are very well taken care of and comfortable with heated floors, en suite, and plenty of storage for all the equipment, clothes, computers, and cameras that we bring on such a trip. Since we arrived at the end of the hunting season and right as winter was setting in, those heated floors were much appreciated!

Following a good night's rest, we were up early and ready to go the next morning. The landscape early in the morning was eerie with volcanic ash over everything from the eruption of the Hudson volcano in late 2011. The ash, with a light covering of frost, made the vistas shimmer and appear to be large oceans laid out in front of us. With over 60,000 acres, the terrain was varied and reminded us at various times of the rolling foothills of Montana, the arctic tundra of Alaska, and the Nevada high desert.



Our first morning we mostly got the lay of the land and got to know our guide Tito. Tito's English isn't great and our Spanish isn't either but we were certainly able to communicate - especially about the animals. We saw the first of many Red stag that morning. We also saw sheep, goats, Pere David deer, and other birds and animals including a very funny looking skunk which had a beaver type tail and did a strange dance as he was being chased.

By noon we were back at the lodge enjoying a good lunch and rest before the afternoon hunt. That morning was the coldest of our stay, mainly due to the wind. For the rest of the stay we had cool mornings and warm afternoons with perfect weather for evening hunts.

The food throughout the stay was always plentiful and well prepared. And, of course, one of the most enjoyable aspects of the meals was getting to know our host, Mariano, and others at the ranch. There are six or more full-time

veterinarians working at the ranch. It takes that many to run the various conservation and breeding programs of the ranch.

The philosophy is to keep the breeding stock completely separated from the hunting animals. Mariano said that it takes many more generations to make a change in the hunting stock this way but it is a more natural evolution. One of the more advanced programs they are running involves not only insemination but also using surrogate females to bring mouflon sheep back to their historical size.

Most of our hunting soirees were spot and stalk from a modern truck but several days we hunted on horseback. That was enjoyable and we were able to get to some of the more difficult areas.

By the end of the week we were feeling at home with our surroundings and felt



For my next hunt – feral oxen.

we had made many new friends. We can now be one of the people who tell you “there’s no place better than Algar Safaris in South America!”

The first afternoon we returned to where we had seen several sheep that morning and started looking for a Patagonia ram. Across a ridge we saw two sheep and one was a nice ram. Beverly got set for the shot but they moved too fast for the first setup to work. Tito moved her down the valley so that she would be able to see them either on the other side or as they came out of the valley and still get a good shot. It was a good set up and she was able to get a shot at about 185 yards as they moved out of the valley on to the flatland.

Our second day we were looking for a 4 horn sheep for me. We found a ram about 120 yards up one of the rolling hills with a group of four others and I was able to take the shot quickly. He feels like a massive four horn, but we haven’t had it measured yet.

By our third day we were looking for feral goats and fallow deer but, while we saw lots of game by horse and truck we did not find any for shooting. The next day we saw this nice fallow deer almost first thing in the morning. However, Tito wanted to make sure we were getting the best possible, so we did a lot of scouting and spotting before returning to take him. The shot was about 170 yards across a gully into



Bev’s Patagonia Ram



Top: John’s 4 horn (Jacob’s) ram



Below: John’s wild goat

an open field. He had a friend who was white, but unfortunately just not grown up enough. This deer had some age, his teeth worn down to nothing. Apparently the volcanic-ash-coated vegetation also accelerates teeth wear in herbivores.

The same afternoon we spotted a herd of 11 wild goats and I was able to get this nice one after several blown stalks we got into a good ambush point and shot this goat out of the heard as they grazed up onto the plateau where we were waiting. The shot at about 140 yards was across a valley and challenging as the animals were very active. At the same time we saw a very nice brown fallow deer and made note of that for the next day.

We spent the next morning looking for the fallow as Tito thought it would be the best one - we had also seen a white fallow but definitely wanted a brown one for this trip. After several hours of spot and stalk work Beverly got up to a good shooting position but there were red stag behind the fallow in a semi-circle and grassy bushes in front

Algar Safaris has donated to the chapter fundraiser for more than 20 years — since the very first fundraiser we had. Liliana will be donating again in 2013 and I encourage you to take advantage of their generosity, make a bid, and get a perfect hunt in Patagonia.

of him. Eventually she was able to take a shot, but missed just over his head as he bent down to grab a bite. The shot startled him but he only ran about 40 yards to the left and the red stag didn’t run or spook him. She took a good second shot and got him at 195 yards. These fallow deer are beautiful animals, and Beverly’s clearly had lived a full life. Most of his tips were broken from fighting, and the bases have good mass. Clearly this time she got the big one!



Top: Bev’s fallow deer. **Below:** John’s black fallow deer

TURKEY TROTTERS

Is there anything more exciting than a “first” — first hunts are like first dates: you don’t know exactly what will happen but you’ve heard about it from your friends and you’ve dreamed about it for so long. You know that this might be your first but won’t be your last! Here are several first turkey hunts from our Sables members.

Left: Lisa Albert’s first turkey, with Josh Peixoto of J P Guide Service. Josh set up his hen decoy, ‘Monique’, did some calling on his copper and aluminum slate calls and waited briefly for the results. A tom with four hens came first, followed by three more toms. Lisa used her Beretta 20 gauge Golden Mallard with steel #2 shot to seal the deal on a Castro Valley private ranch. The 9 1/2 inch bearded bird was in the back of the truck by 8am. Lisa got to try out her new Prois womens hunting clothing! Lisa won 1st place for her turkey at the Wild Game Dinner.

Right: Beverly Valdez - last day of spring turkey season was hunting with Dan Herrera and Matthew McGrew near Hollister. The scene

was set - a hen decoy was in place and after an hour or so we had a tom coming in. Then, suddenly, he went dashing up hill away from us - something had spooked him. We called and waited another hour or so and then moved. As we were working our way uphill we saw several toms across a shallow valley from us and we could hear many more farther up the hill. We found a good spot, set up the decoy and called ... and called ... and called. About the time when it seemed the toms were all around us but no where in sight we saw a parade of them coming down the hill from above us. A shot to the head at 8 yards was a good hit and rewarded us with a 9 inch beard and a very tasty turkey!



WILD GAME DINNER AWARDS



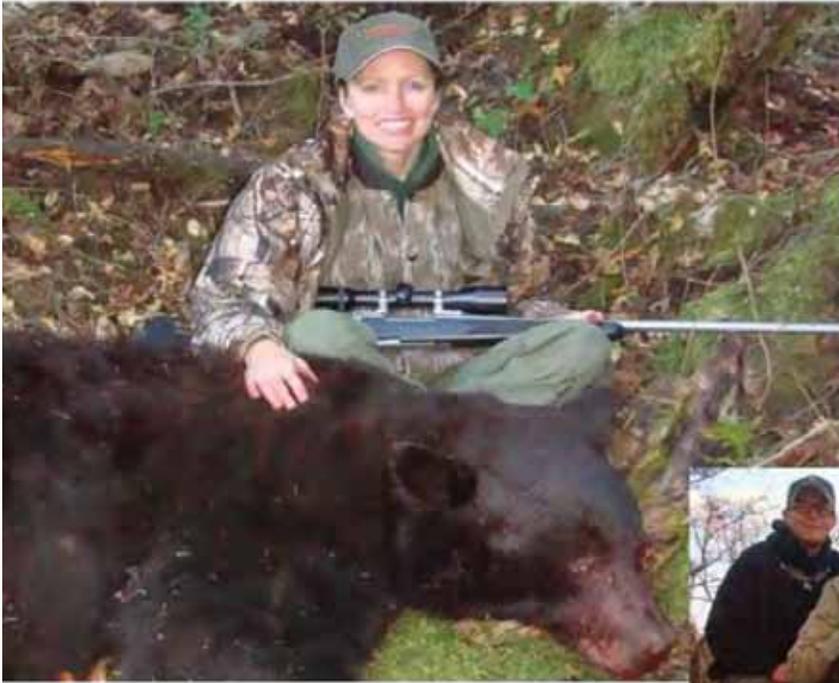
Sportsperson Of The Year: Jeff Atwood's African Lion and some of Jeff's other game!



Junior Sportsperson Of The Year: Harrison Atwood!



WILD GAME DINNER AWARDS



Lioness Of The Year: Teri Nevis!



Member Of The Year: Tom Enberg

WILD GAME DINNER AWARDS



1st Place: Richard Papapietro

1st Place: Is that Stan Atwood with a beard?!?



1st Place: Richard Papapietro Jr.

WILD GAME DINNER AWARDS



1st Place: Lisa Mattusch's Wild Turkey



1st Place: Rick Berg's Awesome Tuna!



1st Place: Larry Lundberg's Mountain Caribou, B.C.



1st Place: Cam Greig's Incredible Yellow-Backed Duiker from Congo

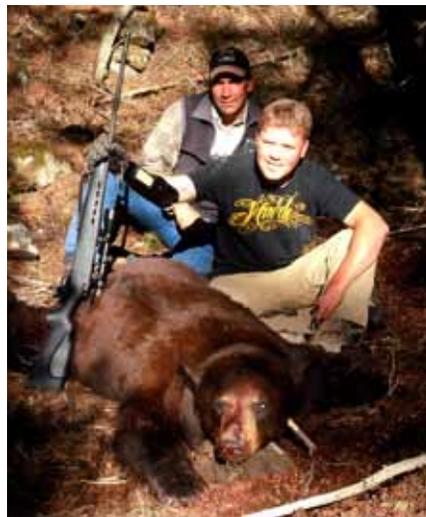


1st Place: Tom Mattusch's Fantastic Elephant!

When I first saw the list of wounded vets who would be going on this year's spring bear hunt in British Columbia I immediately thought of the historic statement by Admiral Chester Nimitz following the Marine Corps' horrific battle of Iwo Jima in WWII. When asked to comment, Adm Nimitz's profound observation was simply that "uncommon valor was a common virtue". Some situations just defy a full description in any language. Such was the case when six Purple Heart Marines were selected by the staff at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego to go bear hunting. In addition, a triple amputee Marine Corps veteran of the Viet Nam War was included.

This is the fifth consecutive year our chapter has supported this annual trip. They are organized and provided by Wounded Warrior Outdoors, Inc, a charitable veterans support organization based in Florida. Thus far 32 wounded vets from Balboa Hospital, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Camp Pendleton have been hosted on this trip of a lifetime. The medical staffs at both hospitals consider the trip to have excellent therapeutic values in addition to great recreational values.

Every group could certainly be considered among "America's finest" but this year's group was unique in terms of the especially heavy price paid by every vet in answering freedom's call in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Viet Nam. This was the first year that every vet was an amputee. Two were single amputees, three were double, and two were triple amputees. All were victims of IED explosions set by Taliban and other terrorists. A doctor from Balboa Hospital accompanied the group and two extra guides were hired to help the vets have the best possible overall experience and improve chances of filling all tags.

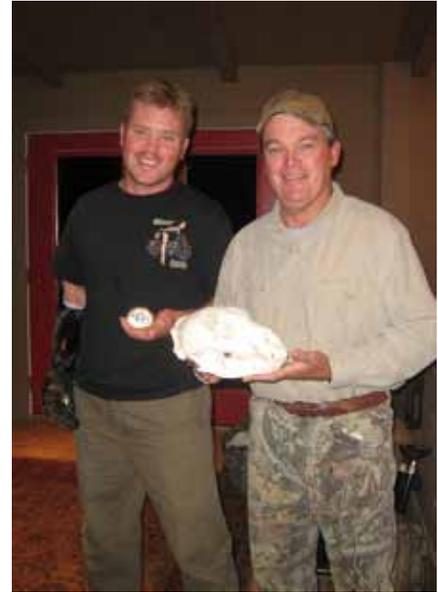


Again this year I crafted a trophy belt buckle from an elk antler with a pewter bear mounted on it for whomever managed to take the biggest bear. That buckle always triggers some healthy competition along with some spirited trash talking. That's the idea! And, it gives the luckiest hunter something to prove his "bragging rights".

This year's buckle-winner is Marine Gunnery Sergeant, Brian Meyer, a 12 year veteran and member of an elite Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit in the Dark Horse Battalion of the 5th Marines. It's one of the most hazardous assignments in any branch of service. On his third tour, GySgt Meyer fell victim to an IED

explosion in Afghanistan in March, 2011 and suffered the loss of his left leg, right arm and several fingers on his left hand. A Navy corpsman saved his life. However, those physical losses slowed him down only a little bit when a gorgeous big chocolate colored black bear was spotted about 600 yds away on the far side of a deep canyon during the first afternoon of hunting. Brian and his guide quietly left their truck parked on a logging road and carefully worked their way through available cover for about 300 yds to cut the distance in half. Brian then got into a steady position and made an excellent cross-canyon shot at 315 yds. That's a demanding shot for any hunter to make but, consider, Brian was a right-hander who now had to shoot left handed with a rifle he was not all that familiar with. However, it had been perfectly sighted in and he depended on his Marine Corps training and experience to execute the shot. It definitely adds a new dimension, I think, to the Marine Corps philosophy that "every man (regardless of rank) is a rifleman".

Despite being hit hard by the .270 cal bullet, the bear quickly disappeared into heavy cover.



Because the canyon was too rugged for Brian to navigate on foot they went back to the truck and radioed for assistance from other people, especially the dog handler, to help find the bear. It was a long drive to get to the far side of the canyon, but once the search party formed up the outfitter's pack of experienced hounds made fast work of locating Brian's bear, stone dead from his fine shot. Brian said his heart was really pounding when he got to his bear and everyone immediately saw that it was an exceptional trophy. Just how lucky, and deserving, can a first time hunter be!!

The sun set on opening day with Brian having killed the only bear. Little did anyone know that Brian's bear had set the standard for the week. Three more fine bear were taken in coming days, but all fell short. The second largest bear, taken by a wheelchair-bound vet who had lost both legs, came up short by only 1/8" in official measurement. To be sure, these vets were on a serious hunting trip in the fullest sense

of the word, and everyone worked hard to try to fill every tag. However, perhaps the greatest "trophy" which everyone earned was to prove to themselves that they were able to get out and really participate in a very challenging activity in a beautiful setting. In reflecting on the whole experience, Brian commented on the great beauty of the area (i.e God's country), the wonderful generosity of the hosts, the exceptional camaraderie with fellow vets and hosts alike and, of course, the thrill of taking a superb trophy. Said Brian, "I can hardly wait to get my hands on my bearskin rug and display it in our home". It will be the trophy of a lifetime.

With Bear Hunt 2012 successfully behind us, I'm now looking forward to again supporting, for the third year, a late August deer hunt for active duty Purple Heart vets on several ranches near Livermore. This will be sponsored by Purple Heart Outdoor Trails, another wonderful veterans support organization based in Georgia. It was founded

by a retired Army Special Forces officer who fought in Iraq and is understandably focused on providing hunting and fishing trips for those who have been wounded while serving with a Special Forces unit but have been able to heal and return to active duty.

I hope you are as pleased as I that our SF Bay Area Chapter is able to maintain our five year program of helping to provide exceptional trips for vets who have given so much for our nation. Obviously, these trips cost money. So please respond to my solicitation for support elsewhere in this issue of BaseCamp and give generously. We stand on their courageous shoulders and they deserve our support. Your contributions for the upcoming deer hunt in Livermore are earnestly requested. Thank you.

Your Donation Can Help Us Continue Supporting Our Veteran's Support Program

Any contribution (large or small) will help us make a continue to provide exceptional trips for vets who have given so much for our nation. Donate online at the website (www.safariclub-sfbay.org) or print this form, fill in the information, and mail or fax it to us with your tax-deductible gift. Checks should be made payable to "SCI San Francisco Bay Area Veteran's Fund." You may also use your credit card.

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Multi-Course Workshop

October 12-14, 2012

Camp Cazadero
Sonoma County

Camp Cazadero is located northwest of Santa Rosa in the rolling hills north of the Russian River in Sonoma County.



Skills include archery, fly fishing, fly tying, bait fishing, map and compass, outdoor/Dutch oven cooking, shotgun shooting knot tying, backpacking, kayaking, personal self-defense, and more. Certified workshop instructors specialize in providing exceptional training for women.



The workshop registration fee covers all instruction, equipment, and supplies (except a fishing license required for open water fishing), three days and two nights lodging, seven fabulous sit-down meals, two evening programs and entertainment, raffles, merchandise and more.

Fee: \$325

Limited to 100 Participants

Don't wait another minute to step outside and join us

SCI SF BAY Sables may have sponsorships for new Sables members available.

Contact Diane Sheardown for information (auntdiane@gmail.com)

California Legislature is in Summer Recess but that doesn't mean we can stop.

We now have just one month to get the word out about specific bills and actions related to our hunting heritage. Be sure to contact your legislative representative BEFORE August 6th (and don't hesitate to contact them more than once)!

Don't forget to forward this information to your family, friends, fellow gun owners and sportsmen in California and ask them to contact their state legislators urging them to let their voice be heard regarding the following bills.

In the Assembly Appropriations Committee:

OPPOSE Senate Bill 1221, introduced by state Senator Ted Lieu (D-28), would ban hunting bears and bobcats with dogs. Hunting with dogs is a tradition that continues to be practiced across the country. Many dog breeds with select characteristics for hunting can be traced back for thousands of years. Seventeen states allow bear hunting with dogs. The use of hounds for hunting has never been shown to have an adverse impact on wildlife numbers. In fact, following the recent attack on a man by a bobcat, CA DFG hunters used dogs to try to track the attacking bobcat - with no success. Using dogs is a tool just like any other and sportsmen and women know to take exception care of their tools.

APPROVE SB 1166 by Senator Tom Berryhill (R/14-Modesto), would allow for conservation organizations that sell select big game tags on

behalf of the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to raise funds for agency programs and projects to retain up to 10 percent of the tag sale amount. This would certainly help organizations such as ours! Many states already have this model (such as Alaska). Often times these tags sell at auction for tens of thousands of dollars at the fundraising events of conservation groups. Yet 100% of the funds generated go straight to DFG with no benefit to the nonprofit groups that partner with DFG on programs and projects to benefit those big game species and their habitats. In late May, SB 1166 passed off the Senate Floor on a unanimous bi-partisan 32 - 0 vote. In mid June, the bill passed out of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on a 13 - 0 vote. The bill will next be heard in Assembly Appropriations Committee in August.

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The following article is a reprint of a hunt sponsored by our chapter for a dear friend of some of our members. Mike Myer passed away recently, and this turned out to be his final hunt. Mike's family want to convey their sincere thanks to SCI and our chapter for all your support.

In the fall of 2008 I learned that one of my best hunting buddy's, Mike Myer, had contracted a terminal illness. I felt gut shot when I got the news. Mike was only 56. I was even fortunate enough to be on one of the first hunts when his son Matt turned twelve and helped us chase a few antelope and deer around Harlowton, Montana.

Being from Bozeman Mike had hunted elk for many years. We often kidded about him being a "legend" cow hunter since he had taken over a dozen cows, but never a bull. In fact he named his elusive bull Chester, and each season we would talk about going out to find Chester. A typical hunt was on horseback near Big Sky in the Gallatin river drainage with a full camp of wall tents and woodstoves.

It just so happens that our San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of SCI has one of the most generous outfitters I have encountered. Ed Shields of Deer Valley Ranch in



Chapter friend and veteran Mike Myer passed away June 16, 2012 from complications from PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy).

Saskatchewan, offered to not only donate an elk trip for Mike, but also one for Mike's son Matt.

After getting confirmation from Ed that the hunt was on I gave Mike a call and told him we were going to go get Chester. At first he didn't think he would physically be able to do it, but I quickly convinced him that we would have the support to make it happen. We were going hunting.

When we arrived at the 7,000 acre Deer Valley Ranch in late August we could hear some of the first bugles of the season. On the way into the lodge we also saw our first group of bachelor bulls. Anticipation was definitely building.

Mike's guide, Shannon Zerlang, took us around the ranch the first day glassing to find a nice bull for Mike. The following morning we worked out a plan for the hunt since Mike would need to be able to sit down and have a steady rest to compensate for his loss of balance and shakiness from the PSP. Shannon had chosen an area where we could set up along

a draw where bulls commonly fed in the morning. It had a small rise so there was some cover, and all we needed was a little luck and some patience. As with many successful hunts it all happened quickly. After a short wait a group of three bulls worked their way up the draw and Mike's shot found its mark and a nice 7x6 that was down at 125 yards. As Mike stood up and leaned on his cane, he just stared across the field and after a while he quietly said, "there's Chester." It was a very emotional moment for all of us.

That afternoon it was Matt's turn. Shannon took him up a ridge where we had seen some nice bulls bedded earlier in the day. There was a bachelor group of about six they kept bumping, but since we were some of the first hunters of the season they looked more confused than nervous. Shannon pointed out a big bodied 6x6 to Matt. The two of them worked their way along the ridgeline paralleling the bulls. As soon as the bulls stopped Matt didn't hesitate. There was a single report and Matt's first elk was on the ground. It ended up being an unbelievable and very special day.

With the help of the SCI Foundation, the support of Diane Sheardown from our chapter, the contributions of a number of our close friends, and the generosity of Deer Valley Ranch we were able to put together an incredible hunt for Mike and Matt. It was a memorable day in the field for a father and son, but more importantly on the trip back Mike told me he hadn't even thought about being sick for the entire five days we spent together.

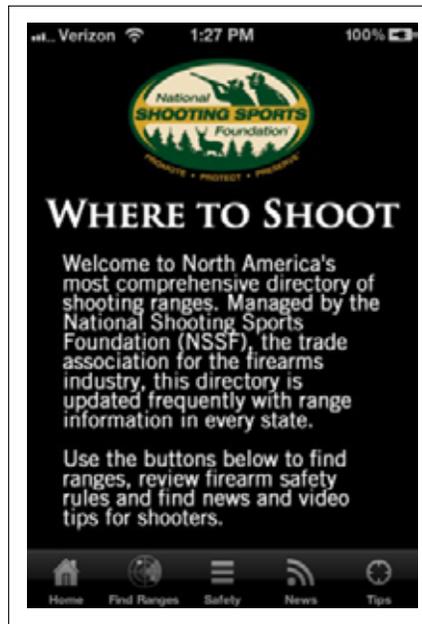
A series of reviews of interesting technology for hunters and shooters.

This month's review is of "Where2Shoot" available free on iPad, iPhone, and soon on Android. This app is a great way to spend more time shooting and less time wondering where to shoot! It puts a comprehensive directory of shooting ranges in the palm of your hand and includes video tips for shooters, news and firearm safety information.

The app is managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and is modeled after their popular WhereToShoot.org website.

Using the Where2Shoot app, you can search for a range near your current location or by state or province (Canada) or by the zip code where you might be traveling for your next hunt. There are specifics about each range, including shooting activities offered, accessibility, and contact information.

Where2Shoot uses the iPad/iPhone location services to automatically search within 20 miles of your current location, providing you with a list showing mileage distance from your location and links to the range information page that gives hours of operation, email/phone, address, and website along with any special facility information.



If you search by a state, you will get a list of all known ranges in the entire state - or narrow the search and look for ranges by zip code and here you can look for ranges anywhere from 5 to 120 miles radius around the zip code.

Safety Rules are available - although they are the most basic or "top 10" tips of firearm safety are there for those who need the reminders. These are mostly text and non-dynamic information.

There is also a News section where you can see streaming live Twitter and Facebook posts to the NSSF site.

The Tips section includes text and videos by NSSF staff, members and other trusted sources from NSSF's YouTube channel. This is a dynamic list, changing anytime someone new adds a tip. I found the tips to be useful. Wayne van Zwoll had an excellent tip about big game that crashes immediately to the ground -- why it happens and what to do between the shot and the approach.

There are also many other hunting tips, cooking tips, and, of course, firearms tips. Fun to peruse even for those semi-pro hunters among us!

On the iPhone I found the text and information screens to be quite readable. On the iPad it was like reading a book or watching a video. The app is well done for the various sizes and technologies.

Overall, I found the "Where2Shoot" app to be a good addition to the hunter tech arsenal. Get it at the Apple App store and watch for it soon on the Android.

Pros:

- Great for travelers
- Good representation of shooting ranges throughout North America
- Video tips
- Range safety information easily accessible
- News from the NSSF Facebook and Twitter feeds

Cons:

- Cannot adjust radius of search for 'nearby' locations
- Data is sometimes not updated by range owners (such as hours, contact info)

TWO CHAPTER HUNTS FOR 2012 – CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH!

Choose either of these fantastic hunts and join friends and chapter members hunting for wild hogs!

- Both chapter hunts will include lodging, field transportation, and game prep for the butcher.
- Both chapter hunts are for 2 days (Friday afternoon, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning).
- Specific dates coming soon but register now to save your place on these popular hunts!

Chapter Hunt 1: Feral Hogs with Rob Lawson near Maxwell In October 2012

Limited to FIVE hunters

Includes: Meals (you do your own cooking), Lodging

Cost per hunter: \$700

Member Tony Puig and others have hunted with Rob and had a great hunt.



READY TO HUNT?

Contact Beverly at the chapter office to let us know which hunt interests you.

Contact bev@safariclub-sfbay.org or 650-627-7601.

Chapter Hunt 2: Feral Hogs with Matthew McGrew near Hollister Fall 2012

Limited to FIVE hunters

Includes: Meals, Lodging, fishing and varmit shooting also available

Cost per hunter: \$950

Member Dwight Ortmann and others have hunted with Matt with great success.



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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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