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Tomas Bermejo with savannah buffalo,  
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# **Game Awards & Wild Game Banquet**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

After many volunteer hours behind us, our annual Greater Bay Area Fundraiser is behind us. For those that volunteered to help make this such a successful event, I sincerely thank you. For those that attended, not only thank you – I hope to see you at next year's event as well. Your Committee worked especially diligently to see there were more North American offerings. I was happy to see hunt opportunities from around the world. Personally speaking, attending this very banquet was what started my wife and me on our several trips to Africa, Scotland, New Zealand and more. I was very glad to see some first timers at our event. Remind your friends next year that 30% of what is raised supports Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation. The remaining 70% is utilized by your Chapter locally for what matters most to us nearby.

Stayed tuned for more events put on by your Chapter. In an effort to provide you with more hunting specific information, speakers are going to be arranged during the year. We had the greatest number of attendees at our Crab feed this year and look forward to growing that event. Our local Sables Chapter had a great day at the San Francisco Zoo with behind the scenes opportunities only Sables attendees could see. We are in the process of setting up a Trophy Room Tour. Seeing a Trophy Rooms is a breath taking experience I hope you won't miss and is seriously something you won't forget.

Do you know any hunters that are not Members of SCI and our local Chapter? Nationally, SCI has won 90% of the projects it took on. SCI has formed a Super PAC. In addition, locally SCI has a Lobbyist in Sacramento. We have a partnership with COHA so as hunters, we get more 'boots on the ground' in Sacramento to work on our behalf regarding hunting issues. All these Lobbying efforts take support and money. I hope you will sign up a few friends to become three year members soon.

Visit the Chapter website at <http://www.safariclub-sfbay.org/>, sign up as a San Francisco Bay Area Facebook friend. Would you like to get more involved in Chapter operations? A new Board will be elected in June. The more active you are in an organization, the more you will get out of it.

I wish you great success and enjoyment on your upcoming hunts and adventures. I am off to pack for a week or so in Argentina.

Regards,

Tom Mattusch



Edie Ortmann with Javelina in Arizona.



Top: Dwight Ortmann with pig at Matt McGrews. Bottom: Rick Berg's successful goose hunt in Los Banos.

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**August 25, 2013**  
Bob Bergstrom BBQ

**Sept. 22, 2013**  
Feed The Hungry

**March 31, 2013**  
Quarterly Game Drive

**May 19, 2013**  
Wild Game Dinner

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.



**Top:** Pheasant hunters. **Bottom:** Danny Mack (Left), and Braden Baxter (Right) with ducks.

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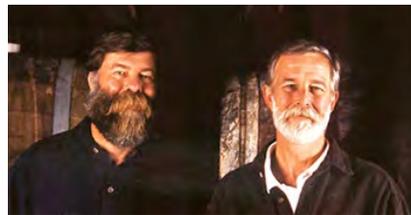


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# Visions of Fundraising - Greater Bay Area 2013



Left: As always, youth play a big part in our fundraising event. Each of these young hunters and huntresses received raffle tickets and won prizes including hunts and firearms for those old enough to enjoy them. That's Buck Buchanan hiding in the back left corner — he keeps the youth program alive all year long.

Right: Reconnecting with friends is one of the biggest benefits of coming to the annual event. Here members (from left) Stan Atwood, Brenton Scott, Tammy Scott, and Joe Bullock are having a good time. These were among those few who had the vision to start the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in the early 1980's. Brenton was the first Chapter President.



Left: The NRA's Eddie Eagle was on hand to talk with everyone about the importance of gun safety. Eddie and Beverly Valdez look like they are enjoying the evening.

Right: Silent and Live auctions were filled with fun, useful, and unique items. Who wouldn't want to have their toddler (or maybe their grand-toddler) riding a rocking giraffe?

Special thanks to all our donors and supporters from around the world and right here at home. We couldn't do it without you!



**MEMBER UPDATE**

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

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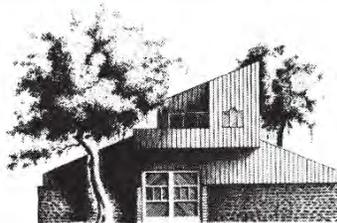
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Thanks to our Chapter Life Members for your commitment to our chapter goals!

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And a final thank you to all the members who supported the SCI membership incentive by upgrading their membership to three-year terms. You helped us reach 200 points necessary for getting a custom rifle. Be sure to attend the annual Wild Game Dinner in May to get a chance to win it!



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The trip started off innocently enough. At the end of September 2012, Edie Ortmann and I were going to Texas to hunt exotics. I had purchased the hunt at the Sables luncheon at the SCI Convention in Las Vegas. We were going to shoot a black buck and Corsican ram (and whatever else took our fancy) with Richard Meunnink of Action Outdoor Adventures in Hondo, Texas (outside of San Antonio).

We got to SFO about 2-1/2 hours early just in case we had hassles checking in our guns. The woman behind the counter at Southwest knew exactly what we had to do to check our guns – fill out the card, put it in the gun case and follow the agent to the inspection area. Once at the inspection area, the gun cases crossed the line to be inspected and approved. Everything was good.

Now to security. We were so early there was virtually no line.

After passing through security, Edie and I were waiting for our carry ons to go through. I could see that they kept going back and forth with one of our bags. Neither of us knew what they might be looking at.

Well, it was my bag they were looking at. A stern looking female TSA agent brought my bag over to the counter and asked what I had in it. I could not think of anything that would set off any alarms and welcomed her to go through my bag.

After a minute she pulls out a small ziplock baggie and asks what was in it. I reply “it is the bolt to my (uh, oh) gun?”. (I was taught to keep the bolt separate from the gun in case it was stolen—the gun would be useless). Just a piece of metal in my eyes and TSA and airline guidelines only state that guns cannot be carried on – no mention of parts.

Unfortunately, the agent told me it was a federal offense to carry the bolt “What happens now?” I asked.

“Well, I need to call over my managers (2) and we need to file a report. We also need to call the San Francisco police”.

A nearby TSA agent sauntered over and offers “is that a bolt for a Remington? I’ve got one of those. Great guns!”

The TSA managers came over and started their paperwork. Except for the stern agent holding my bag, the TSA agents/managers could not have been nicer considering the circumstances.

Of course, they would have to confiscate the bolt. (Now I have no working gun to shoot in Texas, but Edie offered to let me use hers. OK, no problem there.) I asked how long this would take, thinking they would have to take me to an office to finish all the reports. They said they would try to hurry things along, but it would take a half hour or so. I just had to stay where I was. (No problem there, we had allowed plenty of time.)

When the two San Francisco policemen arrived, they literally said I was being arrested for felony possession of a firearm. (Boy, did I have a sinking pit in my stomach then!) They would have to write up a report, but the District Attorney

would not prosecute so I would be free to go and there would not be a record of an arrest.

The police did say, however, that this did not preclude the TSA from fining me and I would receive a letter from them some time in the future.

Once in Texas, I filled Richard in on my escapade. He couldn’t believe it and checked with a friend of his at the ATF. The friend couldn’t believe it either.

Once I got home I started researching the TSA guidelines and could not find where a gun bolt was prohibited. After over 20 minutes of digging on TSA’s website I did find an internal memo within TSA offices that did list parts of a gun that were prohibited, but these were not specified on the TSA website or the airlines’ website used by travellers. After consulting with a few “experts” I decided that depending on the amount of the fine, I would appeal it.

Well, finally, 2 months later my “letter” arrived. The TSA gave me a stern warning, but no fine.

All’s well that ends well and, next time, I will be sure to check all my guns and parts.

P.S. Our Texas hunt was a success. Edie and I showed those Texas boys that California “girls” can shoot. It only takes one shot!

**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE GREATER BAY AREA FUNDRAISER**

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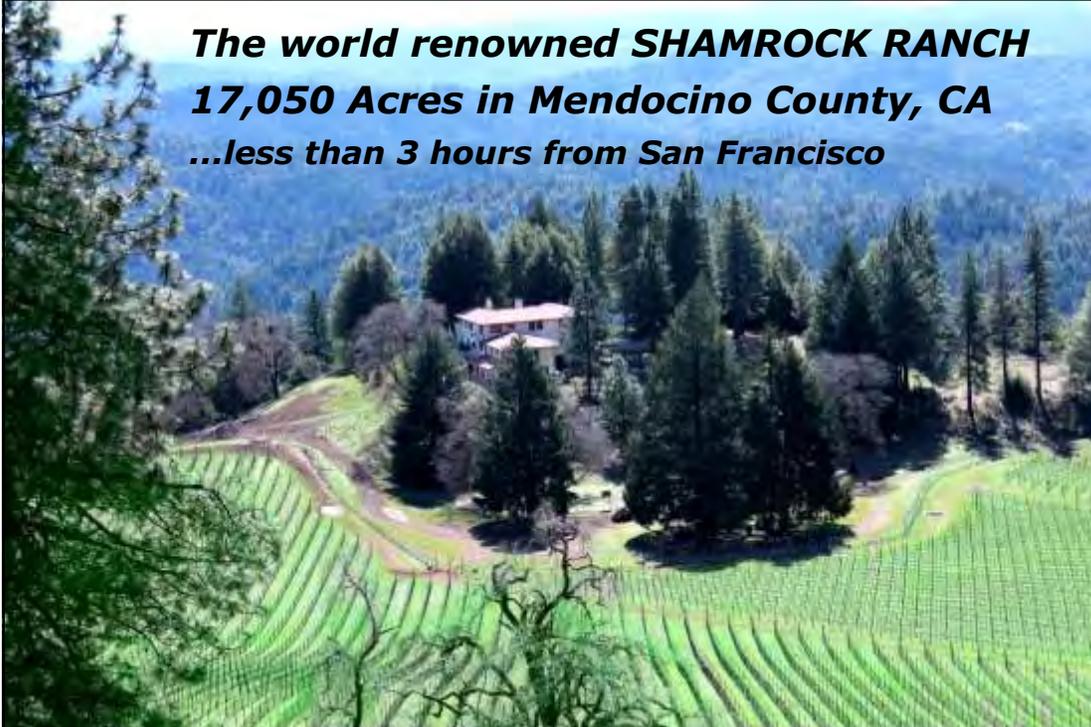
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# **WILD GAME DINNER & BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET**

May 5, 2013

4:00 PM

David's Restaurant, 5151 Stars and Stripes Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95054

## **WILD GAME AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Trophies must have been taken in the calendar year 2012.
2. All big game species listed in the SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF RECORDS are eligible for entry
3. There is no minimum score to qualify.
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What a thrill it was to be able to attend American Wilderness Leadership School (A.W.L.S.) in Jackson, Wyoming this summer! As teachers of young children at a private elementary school in Northern California, we both appreciated the opportunity to join 22 other educators from around the country for this week long experience in the Bridger Teton National Forest. SCI Foundation’s mission statement – To fund and manage sustainable use conservation and education programs worldwide – is most definitely realized in the multiple professional development summer workshops taught at the beautiful Granite Creek Ranch.

We applied for this opportunity at the suggestion of Pamela and Stan Atwood, of Monte Sereno, California, after Laura experienced an unforgettable hunting trip to Zambia with their family in 2011. (See Harrison Atwood’s article, Zambia—My First Adventure in Africa, in the July/August 2012 issue of Safari



magazine.) Through the generosity of the San Francisco Bay Area SCI/Sables, both Laura and Juliana were granted a full scholarship for this trip.

Every day of this educational course was carefully organized, and was a perfect combination of classroom instruction, off-site field trips, hands-on learning, skills training, competitions, delicious food, and fun. The “students” came from a variety of backgrounds: some high school teachers, some elementary, some in wilderness or conservation-related fields. Half of the group were hunters, and half were not.

Welcoming us at the Jackson airport, on the other side of the elk horn arch, Jerry Kaiser, AWLS staff member from Montana, gathered a number of people flying in from a half dozen states. We all witnessed a beautiful lightening storm and ran through the typical summer downfall to our shuttle van. Jerry narrated as we drove through Jackson, along the Snake River, through Hoback Junction, to our destination at the scenic Granite Creek Ranch. Jerry would continue to educate and entertain us throughout



our week as he drove us on field trips and spoke of his experience and knowledge gleaned from work with Native Americans.

At the education complex, Sue Hankner and her friendly team of educators and staff greeted us. Sue is from Arizona, and is the Director of Education for SCIF. What a treat to walk into the entry of this building, with its high ceiling, wood paneling, and many beautiful animal specimens on display. After registration and finding our rooms, we gladly made our way to the dining room and dinner. It was well into the evening, so we were starving. The food was prepared each day by Nancy and Richard Krug, from California. All of our meals were so delicious! Everything was made from scratch, and included fresh fruits and

vegetables at every meal. We gained a few pounds on this trip, and enjoyed every last bite.

Following dinner, we gathered in the classroom for orientation and introductions, then collapsed into bed, resting well for our 7:00am breakfast call. Our comfortable rooms, accommodations, and the grounds were maintained by the delightful Brian and Kathy Pratt.

The next morning was the first of six full days of classroom and field trip instruction in conservation and sustainable wildlife management. Dr. Gary San Julian of Penn State University was our primary professor and lecturer all week. Each lesson was well prepared, documented, and delivered with intelligent wit. Our team was quickly bonding as we learned together.



Day One included an informative walkabout through the ranch property, taught by Gary and Jerry, as we learned about wildlife ecology and conservation. This was followed by an “Outdoor Survival” challenge, led by Scott Francis from Montana, George Jurgenson from Minnesota. Each team of 4 or 5 students was given a water bottle, pan, tarp, flint, rope, and bear spray. Our assignment: to start a fire, collect and boil water, make a shelter, beware of bears, and know how to use bear spray. After learning of the very real threat of being eaten by a hungry black or grizzly bear, Laura had to muster up the courage to walk down to the creek to collect water. While she was gone, a mock bear encounter occurred in camp, and Juliana, along with the rest, survived by using bear spray to ward off the “bear.” Our group successfully boiled the water and made a shelter, meeting the survival challenge.

Following a delicious lunch, we learned about stream ecology with Jay Buchner from Wyoming, an internationally known fly fisherman. We waded into the icy river to collect and examine insects.....



brrr! Refreshing and fun! Next, we went out to the archery range, and were introduced to NASP, National Archery in the Schools Program, by Megan Smith from Kentucky, and Nate Howett, a 7th grade science teacher from Indiana. All of us enjoyed the lessons and getting to experience target practice. The evening ended with dinner and a classroom lecture on Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

The next days were equally fun-filled and packed with information and



first-hand experience. We learned to tie flies with Jay Buckner and practiced firearms safety indoors with Todd Roggenkamp from Arizona, Deputy Director of Education for SCIF, along with Scott and George. We enjoyed an evening in the heat of Granite Rock Hot Springs, followed by an exciting hike back, led by Anthony Heller of Wisconsin, as we passed Granite Creek Falls. (Anthony later made a USB memory stick for each participant, including all photos, curriculum, and resources!)

We enjoyed target practice with .22 rifles, shotguns, and handguns, culminating in a competition. Taylor Halverson from Minnesota and Ben Kowalewski from Wyoming facilitated our lesson on Firearms Mechanics and Cleaning. We had frequent archery practice, including 3-D targets from a variety of vantage points. Juliana nailed her 3-D target with a “perfect kill” shot. By the end of the week we demonstrated how to run an archery range and are now certified Archery instructors!



A field trip to the Elk Refuge in Jackson enabled us to see the winter range where thousands of elk migrate to each year. We stopped on the road to view a herd of bison in the distance, and were warned to stay near the vehicles, as these animals can weigh up to 2000 pounds, stand 6 feet tall at the shoulder, and sprint 30 miles per hour! A visit to the Grand Teton Visitor Center included interesting topographic exhibits and area history. The view of the Teton Range was breathtaking: Grand Teton rises 13,770 ft.

We traveled to Pinedale, sat up on the mesa, overlooking numerous gas rigs drilling for natural gas. Presentations were given by both RC Lopez of the BLM (Bureau of Land Management), and Dean Claus of Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Students discussed ecology, what the gas rigs mean to the sage grouse if too much sage brush is destroyed, water use in hydraulic fracturing or fracking to release natural gas from rock, and the environmental impact of our human consumption.

Harlan Kredit, a fascinating Yellowstone Ranger for a number of



years, shared with us his experiences, photographs, and animal specimens. His message to us all: “Live with integrity. Make a difference.” Harlan challenged us to consider what we can do to preserve the beauty of our parks, nature, and wilderness. And, as teachers, how can we encourage our students to do the same?

Wrapping up our experience, the last day included an exhilarating white water rafting adventure on the Snake River. The icy water wasn't so unbearable on our 85-degree day. After rocking and rolling down the river, we enjoyed a cookout with Dutch oven cooking, a tomahawk throw (which Juliana stuck on both attempts), a graduation ceremony, ending with a campfire at the tipi.

Now, back in the classroom or other work locations, the student teachers are all in touch via email since

our experience. Many teachers are working to bring archery to their schools. All of us have a clearer understanding of the importance of looking around us, considering ecology, thinking about how our wilderness will be maintained, and acknowledging the importance of hunters in the conservation efforts. As Harlan challenged us, we will teach our students to “Live with Integrity. Make a difference.”

Special thanks for this opportunity and educational experience to: Pamela and Stan Atwood, Diane Sheardown, and the San Francisco Bay Area SCI/Sables, and to the dedicated team of educators at the American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson, Wyoming.

### **American Wilderness Leadership School**

Our chapter is pleased to offer tuition scholarships for the Summer 2013 sessions; one is for students ages 16 to 18 and five are for educators of all types: teachers, Scout leaders, Park and Recreation leaders, anyone influencing our youth to love the outdoors and our conservation and hunting heritage.

For information please contact our Education Chairman, Diane Sheardown at 650.222.0194 or sci.sfbay.ed@gmail.com.

### **OUR GROWING SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR WOUNDED VETS – BY GLENN CHRISMAN**

Thanks to an important donation from American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City, and an expected grant from SCI in Tucson, our Chapter will be doing more to support wounded vets in 2013. I intend to increase our support of the superb spring bear hunt in B.C. for patients from Balboa Naval Hospital. This will be our fifth year of supporting this very meaningful event. Readers may recall that all seven participants last year were amputees, including two triple amputees. I fully expect amputees to participate again this year. Participants will be chosen by senior medical personnel at the hospital. A staff person will accompany them as usual. This hunt is organized and provided by Wounded Warrior Outdoors, Inc.

I will also again support a wonderfully hosted deer hunt on six ranches near Livermore for active duty Special Forces vets who have already been awarded Purple Hearts. We have supported this terrific event for the past three years. It is organized by Purple Heart Outdoor Trails, a 501c3 established by a retired Special Forces Lt Col specifically to provide hunting and fishing trip for vets.

I’m pleased to announce that I will begin supporting Field of Dreams, a well established Northern California grass roots group that provides an impressive variety of hunting and fishing trips to wounded vets as well as handicapped civilians. They conduct trips both in state and out

of state. Our contributions will be earmarked for wounded vets.

Your Chapter needs your help to make our support stronger for our extremely deserving wounded vets who have sacrificed so much for us. Please respond to the notice on the next page and make a generous donation. You’ll be glad you did.

For Tom Mattusch, captain of the Huli Cat, spotting whales is something you get a feel for after spending decades on the sea.

This year, he has already been out whale watching near Half Moon Bay a few times and seen gray whales, which are about 45 feet long, and the smaller minke whales.

The captain tells fantasy-like stories of his encounters with whales. Once a blue whale — the largest mammal on the planet at up to 98 feet long — was swimming right at his boat. As it went by, Mattusch looked down at a blowhole that could easily fit a five-gallon bucket, he said.

“It was just utterly amazing,” he said.

On another visit by a pilot whale, he found himself looking into a softball-sized eye.

“You could see all the bloodshot veins and everything,” he said. “This is real nature, not TV nature.”



Tom Mattusch, captain of the Huli Cat, runs three-hour gray whale-watching trips through May and Humpback whale watching in April through November.

Mattusch, who has been boating out of Pillar Point Harbor since 1990, says the ocean can provide some clues as to where the underwater giants may be. Where the salmon are, the whales, which eat the same food, are often close by. Birds will

hover over a whale that is about to breach the surface with a mouthful of seafood.

Aboard the Huli Cat, which can carry about 34 people, Mattusch used to carry tattered folders of pictures showing the different shapes of the ‘spouts’ each whale makes. The silhouette of the spout is one way he identifies the type of whale from afar, as whale watching boats are supposed to stay at least 100 yards from the animals.

With knowledge of how often each whale must come up for air, Mattusch can also determine how many whales he is seeing. If he sees several spouts close together, he can tell his passengers that they are seeing not one, but a group whales swimming next to each other.

Watching a mother-calf combination is entertaining because the calf will “act like a spastic teenager” alongside its graceful mother, said Mattusch.

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This is my California, Lassen County Period 1, Zone 4, Pronghorn Antelope. That was a mouth full. Took 24 years and 11 preference to draw the tag. I had 9 weeks to figure where to hunt and how to hunt. Hired an outfitter, spent 2 days locating, scouting, and patterning 24 bucks in a 100 square mile area. Found the best of the best and on the 4th day got an opportunity for a shot at the biggest Antelope Buck we could find. It was a very satisfying, memorable hunt.

And now for the rest of the story! After two days of scouting, opening day we set up before sun rise on a little bench on the edge Of the Madeline Plains in Lassen County Calif. An hour into the hunt the big boy shows up feeding slowly left to right across the plain at about 1400 yds. The plan was to flank around in front of the herd and ambush them. But then a very dark rain cloud came out of now where and drenched the area with heavy rain. The Antelope all bedded down and we got soaked as the wind kicked up. I was dresses in cotton desert camo as the predicted temp was 94 degrees. Well, I got hypothermic, uncontrollable shivering, told the



guide I did not think I could take a shot if we got an opportunity. Wind and rain finally stopped, after a half hour I dried out and warmed up. So did the Antelope, they got up out of their beds and started feed in the direction of the only water source 5 miles away to our right.. The big Buck didn't fallow the herd, he feed straight away from our position and disappeared into the BLM foot hills miles away. We spent the rest of the 94 degree day searching for him to no avail. Saw 23 other bucks but nothing to get excited about.

Sunday morning we were back at our vantage point at first light. I spotted the Big buck as he got up out of his bed at about 1400 yds. He and 4 does were feeding to our right. A young Buck appeared, moving towards the doe's. This got the attention of the big guy who promptly chased the young buck off 200 yds. The Buck went back to the doe's, then started pawing the ground, prancing about, squat urinated, horned the wet earth, pawed again and just stood still staring into the distance. The young Buck had headed back towards the doe's position. The big guy canted his head and gave the other Buck the evil eye. The guide was looking through the spotting scope and me with my 10x binos. All of a sudden

the big Buck charged the young Buck as they zig-zag 300 yds through the Sage Brush. Then they lit off in a straight line running FLAT OUT in a straight line across the Madeline Planes. The guide got excited, narrating what was happening, said we may get an opportunity for a shot. I put my binos down, shifted my shooting sticks towards a pre-determined shooting lane. The guide was getting very excited, said they were running right towards our position, OH MY GOD, they are going to over run our position, he stands up as they drop into a depression, they reappear 300 yds out. He starts bawling like a "Calf" trying to slow or stop them, then thinks what am I doing. He lets out a Coyote "Bark Howl" call just as both Bucks swing into view again at 200 yds running flat out. The Big Buck screeches to a halt in a cloud of dust, looks our way. BOOM, WOP, DROP.

WOW!! Did that just happen. The guide was jumping about with excitement and rambling, can you believe what just happened. It was only 60-90 seconds from the first interaction between the Bucks, the mile long chase, THE END.

We did not follow up for 10 minutes. Reenacted the shot, took pictures, savored the moment, packed up our gear and then went to locate my Pronghorn. There was no ground shrinkage, he just got bigger and bigger. What a memorable hunt after waiting 24 years to draw a California Antelope tag.

At our 2012 fundraiser dinner, I was the high bidder for the Benin hunt. The hunt was for January of 2013 so I had a lot of time to prepare. When I told people that I was going on safari to Benin, their first reaction always seemed to be, “Benin, where is that?” Benin is in west central Africa. It is bordered by Nigeria to the east, Togo to the west and Burkina Faso and Niger to the north. It is a former French colony so the local language is French and the best way to get there is by way of Paris on Air France. Adela Chelet of Safaris Chelet was very helpful with all the paperwork. I needed a visa, gun permit, hunting permit, and yellow fever vaccination card.

For this trip I took my 9.3 x 64 Brenneke. I used 250 grain Barnes Tipped Triple Shocks and Barnes Banded Solids. Its a great caliber with ballistics similar to the 375 H&H. The rifle and I safely arrived in the evening of January 9th in Cotonou. My flight took me from SFO to LA and then LA to Paris and finally Paris to Cotonou. The next day a driver took me and a couple from Michigan to the camp. It was a 7 hour car ride but in a nice air conditioned Toyota Landcruiser it was bearable. We arrived at camp at dark and settled in. My PH would be Peter Kornacher. Over dinner and cocktails we got acquainted. He is half German and half Swedish and seemed to know everything about guns, ballistics, African hunting, etc. Just the kind of person you want with you as you drive around the bush looking for stuff to shoot. He has worked in Tanzania for the past 7 years with some of the biggest safari companies.

A typical day would be to leave camp before light and drive around looking for buffalo tracks. When we found some fresh tracks we would walk until we caught up with the herd. On the second day we caught up to a herd but the main bull wasn't big enough for a second day bull and I passed.



The trackers wanted me to shoot but Peter said we could do better. Speaking of trackers, these guys were amazing as all trackers in Africa seem to be. They could look at a track and discern everything there was to know about the animal that made it. At first I did my best to be on the look out for game but after a few days I gave up and let them do their job. Nothing got by them. If the morning hunt was unsuccessful we continued driving. In the middle of the day with the sun at its hottest we would stop and have lunch and a siesta. If we were close to camp we would go back and have a hot lunch and nap in our air conditioned room. We usually were back at camp at dark.



After a hot shower we would have a great dinner of game meat. My favorite was the buffalo. Surprisingly, I got internet access on my phone in camp so I was able to keep up with emails and current events. Also, it seems that every person in Benin has a cellphone. The trackers, drivers, other staff in camp were on the

phone or were taking pictures with their phones. The only people who didn't have phones were the folks from Michigan.

Over the course of the 10 days we saw quite a bit of game. I shot a nice savanna buffalo, western kob, and Nagor Reedbuck. The hunting wasn't easy and we walked a lot. The game seemed spooky especially at the sight of the vehicle. The hunter from Michigan shot a buffalo, a waterbuck, a kob and an oribi. All and all it was a good trip. Benin is a very poor country and has its share of problems but it was an adventure.

**Some tips:**

I brought US dollars but Euro's are the preferred currency. You can change dollars or Euros into CFA at the airport. It's one less stop and the exchange rate is not bad. You need CFA for tips for the guys at the airport and other locals. It's better than tipping in dollars.

Air France was great in terms of dealing with firearms. No hassles. Just print enough copies of their forms online.

It gets very cold riding in the back of the vehicle in the morning. Bring a windproof warm jacket or layers and gloves.

Long sleeve shirts and long pants are better at keeping the mosquitos at bay. I treated my clothes with permethrin and it seemed to work.



## "BIG JOHN" PETERSON

Born February 5, 1930 in the copper mining town of Miami, Arizona to William M and Helena Peterson.

Grew up during the depression and World War II in Miami. Was called John, since his father was always known as Bill. Attended University of Arizona where he graduated in 1953 with a degree in Physics. Came to California in 1956, and moved to the Bay Area in 1958 to join Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. where he spent 34 years as a systems engineer and engineering manager.

He learned to hunt with his father and brother, and loved to hunt ducks in Los Banos, pheasants in Pescadero and Birds Landing, and deer in various parts of California and Colorado. He was very active in Ducks unlimited, and in the late 70s, became friends with Joe and Paula Bullock and Alex and Joanne Rolsky. His hunting world expanded significantly when they convinced he and his wife Pat to take one big African hunting trip in 1985. What was supposed to be the "once in a lifetime" trip turned into a love affair with Africa, with John returning 6 more times to hunt various species of big game.

His last African hunt in 2001 was very memorable, as he got to share it with both his grandsons, Chris and Kendall, who were 7 and 9 at the time. His last trophy was an nyala, which was a magnificent addition to his specially built trophy room.

John became instrumental to the recognition of hunting in the Bay Area when the local, "wildlife dinner," that the three couples along with many other friends liked to put on each year transformed into the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of SCI. To the end Big John was a SCI San Francisco Bay Area member.

In later years, John enjoyed hearing about Kendall and his African

hunting adventures, seeing the mantle of "big game hunter" pass from grandfather to grandson.

Big John passed away in his sleep on February 19, 2013.





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