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3rd Thursday of each month

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Pamela Atwood with granddaughters
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Arrow 5.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Did you miss the annual Bob Bergstrom BBQ? It was again a great day!

Lots of good food and good friends.

The friendly competition among the shooters is always fun. Who do you think won this year? Check page 21 to find out and see some photos of the event.

Don't forget to put the Sunday prior to Labor Day weekend on your calendar — that's the BBQ weekend every year!



Coming events include the Member Appreciation dinner at a new location that we think you will like. You can register right now for the dinner which will be held October 26th at Divino Ristorante Italiano in Belmont. See the registration form on page 12 or register online at the website. Another fun event just around the corner is the annual crab feed. This event has been growing every year and we've moved to a new, larger location. Although the event isn't until January, we've opened the online registration for members. Put January 24th on your calendar! Finally, the SCI Convention this year is February 4th - 7th in Las Vegas. You don't want to miss it! And while you have your calendar out — don't forget the local San Francisco Bay Area Fundraiser on March 7th. Both Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay Area chapters sponsor this fundraiser and use the revenue to help fund education, humanitarian, veterans, and conservation right here in our area. There is a lot to be done right here in the Bay Area and we can't do it without you!

It's been a very busy legislative year and Bob Keagy has been closely following all of the activity. You've seen his emails and I know you must have acted on them because very important bills were defeated. Bob gives us a summary on page 23.

The Wyoming chapter hunt is this year and those lucky enough to be going have been getting excited! This is one of several chapter hunts that we sponsor — they are a great way to get out and enjoy both the act of hunting and fishing and the camaraderie of your fellow members. We are always looking for recommendations for chapter hunting and fishing so if you have an idea just let me know!

I'm on my way fishing in the great state of Louisiana as you read this and I'm, looking forward to a great hunting season. I hope your hunting is successful as well!

Dwight Ortmann

President

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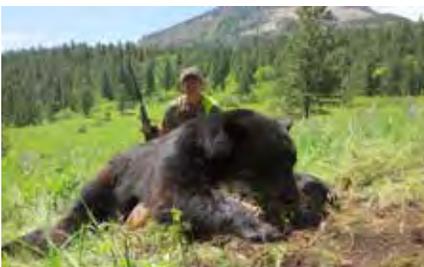
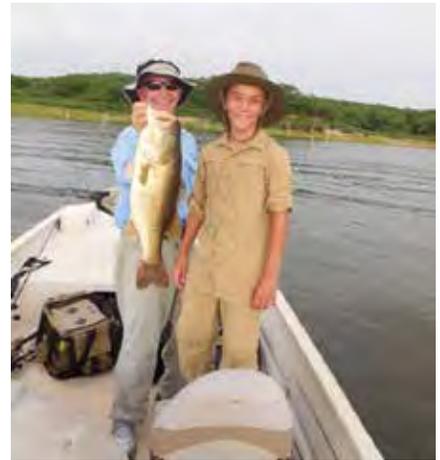
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on hunters and anglers to the
benefit of species that are
harvested.



And those that aren't.



MEMBER PHOTOS



Above: Bear hunting in Montana in June. The Atwoods went after five bears and came home with four.

Above: Harrison fished with both Pamela and Stan in Mexico at Lake El Salto.
Below: Skylar and Natalie Atwood scored high at squirrel shooting.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

September 21, 2014

Annual Feed the Hungry at
San Jose Salvation Army

September 25, 2014

Board meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 16, 2014

Board meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 26, 2014

[Annual Fall Appreciation Dinner](#),
Divino Ristorante Italiano
969 Ralston, Belmont, CA

December 4, 2014

Board meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

December 10, 2014

Deadline for BaseCamp
submissions

December 15, 2014

Registration for the annual
Greater Bay Area Fundraiser
opens! Add March 7, 2015
to your calendar now!

January 24, 2015

[Annual Crab Feed](#),
Millbrae Community Center,
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae, CA
94030

February 4-7, 2015

[SCI Convention / Hunter's Market
in Las Vegas – THE main event
of the year!](#)

February 19, 2015

Board meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

March 7, 2015

Greater Bay Area Fundraiser -
register by February 6 for early bird
specials and discount pricing!



Right: On a recent trip to New Orleans, Edie and Dwight Ortmann had the opportunity to fish and Edie went on to hunt gators. Red Fish, Blackdrum and Sheepshead in one day! Colby was a great guide. Fishing in the Huma area. The gator will soon become boots made for walkin' (or dancing').

Jim Redd



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This summer I took part in the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, thanks to the generosity of the SCI's San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. This course was a seven-day adventure from start to finish. I would first like to recognize the Safari Club International for giving young adults, like myself, the opportunity to partake in such an educational adventures.

On our first day we arrived in camp at noon and were first given our rooms, which we will be calling home for the next 7 days. It was funny to see almost all the students on their phones searching for service. I thought it was nice to disconnect from the world and technology for a week and really enjoy our surroundings and nature. My bunkmate was, Alex. He was from Suffern, New York, the complete opposite side of the country from where I am from, who enjoyed the same things I enjoyed.

Our first task was the scavenger hunt. This was designed for the students to get used to their surrounding and explore the beautiful property. With the cap on a very long day and a couple missing bags, we gathered at the dong of the dinner bell. Each day we gathered before our meal to



Ryan McGannon

say a poem or quote for that meal. It was interesting hearing the different stories everyone told at dinner. Even though we all came from different parts of this country, we all had the same desire to learn about conservation and leadership.

Our second day was a day we all were looking forward too. Today was firearms day. The level of skill in the class went from shooting competitively for their schools to never shooting in their lives. We had 3 stations; archery, rifle, and shotgun. Then we were split up into groups and would rotate after a certain time at a station, my first station was the archery. We were all pretty competitive, we saw who could shoot the bull's-eye the most with 3 arrows. Our second station was the .22 Rifle. We created a small tournament and I was in the championship against a competition shooter for Tennessee. We had 5 shots to shoot 5 small targets about 25 yards away while loading each bullet one at a time. It was a close finish but she took the win on



the last shot. Our third and final station was the shotgun. Within my group we made teams of 3 and the competition was good. After having a clean run my team took the win. With the end of a competitive and long day we came back to camp with the thought of food on our minds. Little did we know the rifles and shotguns we had used were sitting on the table behind us. As we ate our delicious meal and gathered in the classroom we knew the fun wasn't over yet and it was cleaning



time. Each student was taught how to break down each gun and properly clean them.

On day 3 we were all used to the time difference and we were up bright and early. After each meal we would have an ecology class by an ecology professor from Penn. State. We were truly blessed to be able to learn from someone of such high rank in education. Today we took a field trip into the town of Pinedale where we would not only be taught of the sage grouse, but also able to visit their Lek. The Lek's are ancient mating grounds that the sage grouse have been coming to for thousands of years. We were then introduced to the local Wyoming Fish and Game about the decision for the possible endangerment listing of the Sage Grouse. The reason for the endangerment was the Oil and Gas drilling that is going on next to the Leks. We were not only able to see but also hear how the drilling is affecting the Sage Grouse habitat. That night was our camp out night, although we weren't able to camp in the mountains like planned because of weather conditions, we found a wooded area which would be large

enough for our group and also give us trees to be creative with our shelters.

Each student was given 2 tarps, a sleeping bag, a mattress, rope and good old mother nature. Many decided to do a common lean-to shelter but I was creative and made a hammock from 2 trees. The tarps kept my body heat in pretty good and I was comfortable for that night. That night we all knew we had to get sleep, because the day ahead was going to be difficult.

We all woke up early and were ready for the adventure ahead. That day we were going on a 3500 foot



elevation climb hike. Now 3500 feet might not seem like a lot to some people, but when you start at 7100 feet it makes a difference. After a quick breakfast and a briefing about what we are going to be packing and about the meal plan on the mountain we gathered our clothes and met in the classroom. As we walked into the classroom everyone had a bag of what seems like brown rocks. "Gravel" is what most extreme hikers called it and it was dehydrated ground beef and beans. We were then taught how to properly cook it and mixed with a bag of Fritos Chips and cheese when finished, we had nachos in a bag. I'm not sure if it was because we were all very hungry or the altitude, but believe it or not the taste wasn't too bad. In order for us to get water it had to be properly filtered from the nearby stream. After hiking half way and setting up our cooking stations we were broken into groups and given a compass and map. With these we had to not only find our location, but also the location of our destination. Once at the top of the mountain there was snow in sight. It was shocking to hear that some people had never seem snow before while others dreaded the site of snow because of their hometown geological location. After a long hike we camp back to camp and ready for bed.

That next day we were given the option to either walk to a nearby waterfall or hike the far ridge where you could see the valley below. I chose to walk to the waterfall, which was the location of a scene in the movie - A River Runs Through It. There was also some small hot springs by the waterfall. As we hiked



up stream to the waterfall we were lucky to see deer and some beavers by the water. The waterfall was very large and the smell of sulfur was in the air from the hot springs. That night was the Forth of July and because of the dangers of fire we had ice cream sandwiches to celebrate.

That last full day we went to the Snake River to do some river rafting. A lot of us were looking forward to this because everyone had river rafted before and we knew our roles on the boat. Our amazing guide Lisa was energetic and we all enjoyed our trip down the river. That night it was sad to say goodbye to the friends and relationships we made. I believe that we all truly learned a great amount from this trip and I highly recommend teenagers to look into this. I'm not only going to use all the leadership skills I've learned in my sports and schoolwork, but I also want to study ecology in my educational future.

I have spent a fair amount of time in the backcountry but this experience had a different level of involvement. I certainly came away from this experience with many newfound discoveries. Again, I'd like to thank my local San Francisco Bay Area SCI Chapter (Sables) for making this great experience available.

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It all started at the national Sheep Show in January. Beverly was working the booth, leaving me with just enough spare time to get into trouble. After delivering some brochures to a booth where Rob Lawson's beautiful lion was on display (not sure about African lions at Sheep Show), which happened to be taken on Archery tackle, I decided to find my SCI SFBA buddy's booth and see what he was up to. He wasn't in the booth with the lion, he had his own booth in another part of the show floor.

After talking with Rob he mentioned that he'd started outfitting blacktail hunts and had a great new lease on a ranch in X4. He gave me a good feeling that he'd coach me through another attempt at first-blood with my bow, and with that I nodded vaguely, read over the flyer, and we left it at that. Eventually application season came around. We had a brief discussion over email, and as I didn't have any fall hunting plans at that time, I went ahead and put in for X4 archery. And soon enough I was sending an email to Rob,

OK Rob, no pressure but

*2014 Deer Complete 6702072 1 A7
Archery Hunt in Zone X4 Yes N/A*

So we're going deer huntin'! (I hope!)

I was pretty excited and by July had taken the bow into Pacifica Archery in to get it checked out and tuned up. Admittedly it had been quite awhile (years really) since it had been out of the case. The first question was "Will this thing still fire safely". They made a comment that it was nice someone was planning ahead, and mentioned they had a lot of archery hunters showing up the week before opener wanting major work done. Little did I know that would come back to haunt me. I went shooting one weekend with Rob and his friend Dan. They helped me get back in the groove of



things and were great encouraging teachers. By the end of the day they talked me into one shot at 60 yards, and it actually was in the 2" circle! But I was still focused on inside 30 yards being my effective range. John McGannon, another SCI SFBA member, was very encouraging and helpful, sharing some great stories of his archery hunting experience and practical tips along with a great practice range – Thanks John!

Final dates were set around to be Labor Day weekend so I could still attend the Chapter BBQ and sporting clays shoot the weekend before and I upped the practice schedule. I got a spare bow-string, some new Muzzy MX-3 broadheads (in previous attempts at this I'd tried Rage mechanicals, and they just didn't instill confidence). If I ever got a shot, I wanted it to count.

Everything was great until I mistakenly dry-fired my bow the Saturday before the hunt. Talk about a major bone-head move. Luckily,

after 2 anxious days, Pacifica Archery went over the bow with a fine-toothed comb and pronounced it "safe to shoot". So a few more practice sessions, load up the truck, and I was off to hunt!

I hit the road at 6AM on Saturday to get into the area (Fall River) by noon or so. Rob had set up accommodations with a local hotel which was comfortable and had a classic small town feel. Jim Kirwan (who donates a great Fall River fishing experience to the local fundraisers every year) graciously offered to drive us around and give us the inside scoop on the whole area (who owned what property, what the histories were, what kind of crops grew in various fields, etc.). This was informative, but I was here to HUNT!

Finally got into the field around 6pm. I had a gun, not my bow, as Rob had patterned some coyotes and thought I might get a quick and easy shot at one. Not having the bow turned out okay — the evening unfolded quietly. I did get to see some of the land he had access to and noted there is a lot of varied habitat. Crop fields surrounded by dense and rugged terrain. Some of the footing could get pretty torturous, as fist-size volcanic rocks littered the ground, often hidden by tall grass. But I didn't care 'cause we were hunting.



Back at the hotel we agreed on a 5:30AM departure, which meant I'd be up at 4:30, which meant bedtime should have been two hours ago. Uh oh. But I was up and rarin' to go early the next morning. After a quick drive, the bow was out, and we were spot-and-stalking for a good 2-3 hours. One thing became clear quickly, with the dry weather it was almost impossible to move quietly through the woods, as Rob put it, "We're walkin' on potato chips." We hunted around the same field we had setup an ambush for Coyote the previous evening.

In the midday break, we joined up with Jim again, with the intention of doing a little fly fishing. I was happy to do this, and it was generous of Jim to offer his time and his boat. We didn't have much time to fish — Jim wanted to show us every good spot on the river and there are a lot of them! On the way back to the dock, we did pass a nice buck watering at midday. He was up and moseying about, and we got within 10-15 feet of him on

the bank of the river. Unfortunately he was on private property where we didn't have permission to hunt, and moreover this part of the river was in X1 not X4. It did give me some hope that there were nice bucks in the area.

I also learned Rob would be having some dove-shooters coming in, and I had the option to hunt doves instead of deer. Of course, my answer was "I'm here to hunt deer."

That evening we hiked up a valley on an old two-track until it ended at a little natural spring. It would have been a great place to catch a deer out for a drink. We saw no deer sign, only evidence of grazing cattle. It was a nice peaceful walk. The next day was the last day of the hunt and the season. I went to bed hoping we could make it count, and determined to hunt all day.

Up again at 5:30 AM. We took a good long hike, still-hunting along the way. We circled a large bass lake, now dry due to the drought. We covered the edges of a good number of remote,

empty pastures and fields. We saw maybe a few old deer tracks in the dust and a few fresh bear scat.

Back in town for lunch we met up with the dove shooters. As I wanted to hunt all day, it was agreed that I'd get dropped off on one side of a couple of large fields, and take a 2-3 hour still-hunt in the timber behind the field while they were off dove shooting on the other side of the field. Maybe they'd push a deer my way. After a little snafu with a forgotten release, the plan was enacted. No deer nor sign were seen. Time was running out.

While in transit that afternoon, we met up with the ranch-owner. He let us know a particular spot he'd seen deer on a sunny hillside in the evenings, so that was the plan for the final evening. Unfortunately by the time the dove-shooters were dropped off and set up, we got to the spot a little late, the deer were already there so no chance to sneak in and set up an ambush. I did put a practice stalk on a group of 5 does, and got within

ARCHERY X4 HUNT – BY JOHN WARE

67 yards, but no bucks were seen. As the sun went down, the nice shaded area I was hunting in was caught in the sunlight, and I immediately had concerned deer looking me over. After they blew out, I pretty much knew the jig was up, but I did still-hunt the area and found a ton of deer sign. Clearly this was the spot, but we had found it too late. As the sun set, so did my hopes for a success on my archery deer hunt.

We found out later that the area where there were deer was bordered on another property where the owner had put in a big food plot. It was unfortunate that we didn't learn about that until after the hunt was over.

I decided to grab a quick bite, pack up, and hit the road that night. Got



home around 3 AM, with a little sunburn, and some nice hikes to remember. Maybe next time.



A large graphic for a fundraiser event. It features a blue background with a sunburst pattern. At the top, it says "Save the Date for Fun and Adventure!". Below that, in large bold letters, is "Greater Bay Area Fundraiser" and "March 7, 2015". On the right side, there is a circular logo for the "ARCHERY CLUB INTERNATIONAL SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER" and a silhouette of a giraffe. In the center, there is a silhouette of the Golden Gate Bridge. At the bottom, it says "First FOR YOU in the Bay Area". On the left side, there is a collage of photos showing people at a fundraiser. There is also a logo for the "Golden Gate Chapter" featuring a deer silhouette.

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MONTEREY YOUTH OUTDOOR DAY

Hundreds of youth experienced the real-life touch and feel of animals while visiting the Hands-On Wildlife exhibit staged by Safari Club International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (SF-Bay Area) at the fourth annual Monterey Youth Outdoor Day. While the youngsters oohed and aahed over seeing and feeling real animal pelts, the adults learned about the importance of hunting and fishing in science-based conservation and wildlife management. SF Bay Area Chapter takes pride in helping people learn about and enjoy the outdoors.

Many of these people were from urban areas of the state and came to learn about and to enjoy the outdoors. The SCI SF-Bay Area

exhibit had a complete Hands-On Wildlife (or "HOW") exhibit displayed. The HOW kits are part of Safari Club International Foundation's program for education giving children and adults a hands-on wildlife experience. For many, the learning kit is the gateway to an appreciation of the outdoor world and provides their only contact with a wild animal. HOW helps adults and young people in our increasingly urban environment re-establish their connection with our land and their link to the natural world.

The SCI SF-Bay Area has augmented the standard HOW kit by adding California-specific pelts such as deer, bobcat, and coyote. Additional rare California animal representatives

included a desert tortoise shell and bighorn sheep skull. All animals or animal parts in the exhibit are from naturally occurring deaths.

This event allowed us to take the opportunity to talk with a number of parents to help educate them about the importance of hunting in conservation and wildlife management. We also had people who became interested enough to consider membership. Our QR access code was used many times throughout the day.

Very near to us were the California Waterfowl and RMEF teams and both commented on how we were able to really engage with the kids and their parents thanks to using the HOW kit.



NEW LOCATION!



SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter CRAB FEED



Saturday, January 24, 2015
Millbrae Community Center
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae, CA 94030



\$50/person

Cocktails (No host bar): 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Menu

All you can eat Crab
Salad, Garlic bread
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Prizes & Drawings



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HUNT CHECKLIST

Remember to leave a completed hunting trip plan with someone who can act on your behalf if things go wrong — this is especially important for self-guided hunts. Then remember to contact them and let them know you are back! And had a successful hunt --

Hunting Trip Plan

1) Hunter's name:

2) Name of companions (*if any*):

3) Date and time of departure and expected return:

4) Departure and return route:

5) Destination (*if remote area leave detailed map*):

6) Plan B alternative destination:

7) Vehicle make/model/color/license plate #:

8) Cell phone #:

9) Emergency contacts:

WILD GAME DONATIONS NEEDED – ALL YEAR LONG

The SF Bay Chapter donates to programs supporting the needy throughout the Bay Area a minimum of four times per year. You can help – drop off your game donations to President Dwight Ortmann's office where he has a freezer waiting to be filled.

His office is at 2596 Bay Rd # A , Redwood City, CA 94063 and is conveniently located just off 101 at the 84 west exchange.

Under some state laws, it is illegal to waste any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food." For big game animals, all four quarters above the hock fall into that category. When the freezer is full, hunters either donate the extra

game meat to a local food bank or gift it to a friend. These practices are increasingly common where game populations are abundant.

Even though wasting game meat is already illegal in many states, other states are starting to introduce bills for tougher control measures. For example, New Mexico has introduced a bill this year that outlaws wasting game meat. The bill intends to discourage poaching, help curb the waste of edible meat on game animals, and prevent unsportsmanlike ways of discarding carcasses.

Donation programs vary by state in the U.S., but ultimately accomplish the same goal. Thanks to the cooperative effort among hunters and sportsmen's organizations, game meat donations are at an all-time high, with millions of pounds of meat donated to shelters, food banks, and church kitchens annually. Hunters have been responding to the nations need for increased meals being

served at local soup kitchens and food banks by providing deer and other game meat. Donations increase every year and because of such generous sportsmen and women, millions of less fortunate families are fed a year.

A study commissioned in 2010 by National Sport Shooting Foundation (NSSF) revealed that nearly 2.8 million pounds of game meat was donated and able to provide 11 million meals to the less fortunate. One of the primary needs in low income areas is a protein source, so game meat donations fill a void in many local food pantries. Many states have a venison donation program to feed the hungry, but the greatest obstacle these organizations encounter is a lack of funds for butchering costs at licensed facilities. A number of states now allow hunters to donate money to similar programs when purchasing their licenses. This money helps cover the cost of processing.

MEMBER UPDATE

Welcome
New Members!

James Bauer
Sanjeet Uppal
Todd Williams



Top: Cam Grieg accepting the Member of The Year award for 2014. Cam was unable to attend the 2014 Wild Game Dinner to accept the award. Cam's son Nathan and wife Judi were on hand to celebrate! **Right:** Jeana and Colton Feige - Florida gator hunt



2014 ANNUAL BOB BERGSTROM BBQ

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The annual BBQ reminds us how much Bob Bergstrom did for the chapter over many years.

This year we also honored special guests Rob Dickey and his family. Rob is an Army Scout Sniper who lost a leg. He will be one of the veterans we send on a spring bear hunt.



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Both teams had strong shooters and it was a close one!

Team SFBA scores: Herb Gaehwiler had a score of 97. Blain Nall scored 91, and Rich scored an 88 to make up the rest of the SFBA team.

Team GG top scorer Michael Dickinson came close with a 92. Sean Duffy made an 87, Chris Swasey scored 79, and dad Scott Swasey scored 45 (having several stands where he was on the phone didn't help).

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Letter from Senator Feinstein:

Dear Beverly,

Thank you for writing to me regarding the use of lead in hunting and fishing equipment. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

In 1976, Congress passed the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which mandates that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protect the public against “unreasonable risk of injury to health or to the environment” from exposure to toxic substances. The TSCA requires the EPA to identify and mitigate potentially dangerous chemicals in the environment and in products sold to the public. By law, this authority applies to potentially all chemical substances, including lead, unless otherwise exempted.

On August 3, 2010, a number of environmental groups wrote to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting that it “prohibit the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of lead shot, lead bullets, lead fishing sinkers, and other lead-containing fishing gear, pursuant to Section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act.” They are concerned about the use of lead shot and bullets because wildlife species, including the iconic and threatened California condor, have been harmed when they ingested lead ammunition. In addition, humans who consume meat contaminated by the lead ammunition could also be affected. Finally, it is important to note that ammunition without lead is readily available.

The EPA announced on August 27, 2010, that it had denied the request to ban lead shot and lead bullets, and on November 4, 2010, the EPA denied the request to ban lead in fishing gear, stating that it did not have the authority to do so. In response, a suit was brought against the EPA in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to challenge its decision not to ban lead in these products. On May 23, 2013, the court ruled that the EPA had acted within its authority to deny the environmental groups’ request, and the case was dismissed.

As you may know, on January 18, 2013, the “Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2014” (S. 2363) included, among other things, provisions to amend the TSCA to exempt some lead-containing hunting and fishing gear from EPA regulation. On July 10, 2014, the Senate voted on cloture for S. 2363. Cloture requires 60 affirmative votes, and is needed to advance legislation in the Senate if an agreement between all Senators cannot be reached. I opposed the bill, and it failed to advance by a vote of 41 to 56.

I appreciate knowing your support for the use of lead in hunting and fishing equipment, and I will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind should the Senate consider further relevant legislation during the 113th Congress.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

Further information about my position on issues of concern to California and the nation are available at my website, feinstein.senate.gov. And please visit my [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more ways to communicate with me.

**California Legislative Notes
by Bob Keagy**

The California Legislature has been in a flurry of activity since reconvening August 2. Numerous bills have been introduced or resurrected from prior to the Legislative Recess, and, unfortunately, many of these are unwelcome and damaging to the hunting community, and subject of a great deal of correspondence and comment.

It would be unfair however, to overlook one of the few successes for conservation organizations. AB2105 was passed by both houses, was enrolled, and awaits the Governor’s signature. A key provision of this bill will allow California charitable entities to retain 5% of the auction proceeds on auctioned California game fundraising tags. This affects auctioned tags for deer, elk, antelope and Bighorn. A second provision of AB 2105 would be to increase the out-of-state fee for a Nelson Bighorn tag to \$1,500, which is more in keeping with modern values. Bill Gaines,

noted Sacramento analyst and conservation/hunting advocate, and CA Wild Sheep Foundation member Kyle Meintzer was central to this bill's approval.

Well done, Bill and Kyle!

The chief legislative challenge facing shooters and hunters in the State of California is Senator Kevin De Leon's SB 53. This bill has as a principal co-author the now-discredited Leland Yee, who is no longer seated in the California Senate. This bill has now also been amended at least seven times, indicative of its flawed nature.

Recent amendments have been so rapid that a summary provided by Bill Gaines, principal of Bill Gaines and Associates, is probably the most up-to-date analysis:

"SB 53 was amended late Friday to soften the impact on California's hunting community. However, we believe the bill, as amended August 22, still places unnecessary requirements on those purchasing ammunition, and would unreasonably limit the availability of ammunition and increase cost. Because of these remaining concerns, Gaines & Associates recommends we continue to oppose the bill on the Assembly Floor where it could be brought up for a vote as early as tomorrow.

The bill, as amended August 22nd, no longer requires those wishing to obtain ammunition to obtain a permit, submit fingerprints, undergo a background check and pay an application fee. However, as amended, the bill still would require the vendor to record the purchaser's name, driver's license, birth date,

address, telephone number, and the brand, type and amount of ammunition purchased. Further, the bill would require the vendor to provide this data to the Department of Justice who would have to retain it for five years in a database to be known as the Ammunition Purchase Records File. As amended, the bill now would allow individuals holding a valid hunting license to purchase ammunition via the internet or mail order -- surely in response to complaints that banning internet and mail order sales would significantly impact the availability of non-toxic ammunition hunters will be required to use for hunting all species statewide no later than July 2019. However, as amended, the bill would still require target shooters who do not hold a hunting license to acquire their ammunition face-to-face.

The bill, as amended, would also require those wishing to sell ammunition to meet strict qualification criteria and to be licensed to sell ammunition by the Department of Justice. This language would seriously reduce ammunition sales outlets, limit ammunition availability, increase cost, impact small business and cost our state jobs -- and even preclude you from selling, loaning or transferring ammunition to friends and family.

Finally, the bill would go as far as banning non-profits from including ammunition in the auctions and/or raffles of their fundraising events -- unless the event was held at a shooting facility and the ammunition was to be used during the event.

To read the bill text (as amended 8/22/14), click on http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/b_

Our thanks to Gaines and Associates for following up on this important legislation and keeping us informed. Note also that under this program, Boy Scout marksmanship programs, most Hunter Safety programs, and, ironically, the California Legislative Caucus' annual skeet shoot, would all be illegal.

It is also unlikely that large internet retailers will be willing to comply with and obtain all of the documents required by this law, if enacted, effectively cutting California hunters and shooters from a major source of the varied types of ammunition seen today.

Urgent Update: SB 53 died for 2014, falling six votes short of passage in the last, bitter, final hours of the 2014 legislative season. The defeat came at 2:30 in the morning of August 30, on the third, and final, vote count of 35 "Aye"/35 "No" and 8 not voting, with 41 votes required for passage!

I believe that each California sportsman that phoned or wrote can take great pride in this, as it is a major win!

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