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- 3rd Thursday of each month
- Please call Beverly Valdez at 650-627-7601

Delores and Buck Buchanan with antelope. This was a hunt taken with Hunt Bud Consulting, Black Hills region, a fundraiser 2015 auction item.

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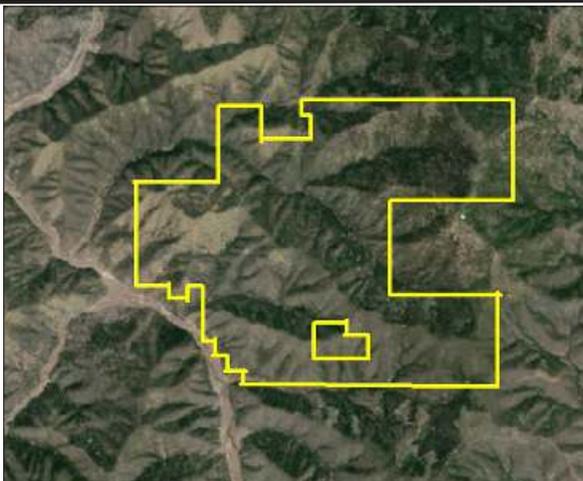


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The convention season kicks off the year and I hope you made it to the annual SCI Hunters Convention. There are others that are also fun to attend (see the story from member Joe Torres on the Sheep Show and how it changed his thinking about hunting sheep). And, after many volunteer hours, 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 the hard work, long hours, and good laughs along the way. For those that attended, thank YOU – you are what makes the fundraiser a success. This fundraiser supports all the work that we do throughout the year — the youth programs, the conservation activities, our support in education through AWLS and other programs are all possible only because of you and your support at the fundraiser.



This year's annual crab feed was also very successful even with crab season opening late (well after the event). While many others were canceling their crab feeds, we brought crab in from Oregon — not as good as our local crab but still fresh and sweet! If you haven't attended the crab feed yet, work it into your schedule for next year; it is one of the 'tastiest' events of the year!

Coming up we'll be having the annual Wild Game and Awards dinner — another one of our family fun events. If you think this is just another old awards program, you would be so wrong! Bring the family and join the group as we share memories of the year behind and look forward to the year ahead. See page 21 for more information.

One of the most important aspects of any club is being together with people who enjoy the same thing you do — for us, that's hunting and fishing. We already have two chapter hunts scheduled for this year and one for next year. We plan to have more! Check out page 20 for more information and keep your eye on your email and on the chapter website going through the year.

Speaking of hunting and fishing, when was the last time you did NOT take a photo of your successful hunt or big fish on the line? Most phones these days take photos reasonable for inclusion in the newsletter and it's easy to send it to the newsletter once you have it in the phone! You can text photos to 650-409-6005 or email them to [bev@safariclub-sfbay.org](mailto:bev@safariclub-sfbay.org). I'll be looking for yours in the next newsletter!

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. If you are interested, contact Dwight Ortmann ([dwight@bealsmartin.com](mailto:dwight@bealsmartin.com)).

Don't forget to stay involved — visit the [chapter website](#) and join our [Facebook](#) page.

Robbie Lawson,

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MEMBER PHOTOS



**Above Left:** Larry Lundberg, fishing September 2015. **Above Right:** Jalen Christensen with first pig.



**Center:** Crab opening day! **Above:** Member David Schneider is crab-happy.



Rick Berg - archery wild pig in Hawaii.



Dwight and Edie Ortmann duck hunting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

### May 1, 2016

Clear your freezer for the coming season! See page 25.

### May 15, 2016

Annual Wild Game Dinner and Awards. See page 21.

### May 19, 2016

Board meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

### June 10, 2016

Deadline for BaseCamp submissions - Send your photos and stories to bev@safariclub-sfbay.org

### June 11-12, 2016

Chapter Hunt with Jose Peixoto in Castro Valley. A great, local pig hunt where you can join fellow members for a day or two days of pig hunting. Don't wait, contact Beverly at the office to register today. Limited to 6 hunters. See page 20.

### November 10-15, 2016

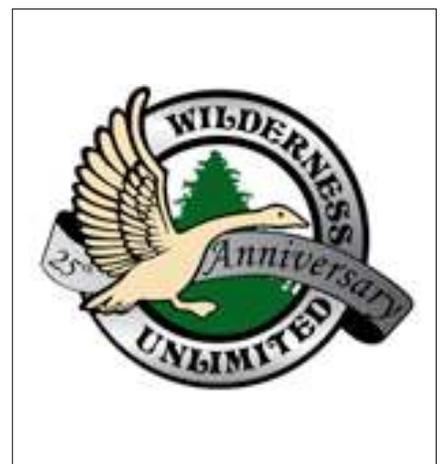
Chapter Hunt at the Reich Ranch in Wyoming. This is one of the most enjoyable aspects of membership - hunt with friends from the chapter and get the most out of the experience of whitetail hunting in the Black Hills area of Wyoming! Tim Reich and his family are great hosts and always donate to the chapter fundraiser so many chapter members have already enjoyed his hospitality and hunting. See page 20.

### October 24 - 30, 2017

Chapter Hunt at Arrow Five 2017 in Northern California. Don't miss your opportunity to hunt California blacktail with the great team at Arrow Five. Jim and TinaMarie Schaafsma will host 5 hunters.



**Top:** Captain Mike Velasquez & Justin Bieber. **Center:** Lee Gualtieri, Justin Bieber, Tom Mattusch with unknown Bieber crew person in foreground. **Right:** Tom Mattusch and Dwight Ortmann on the Huli Cat. **Above:** Rick Berg - two monsters 228 lb and 224 lb on the Independence.



# FINAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD! 2014 SCI Gun of the Year Fundraiser Drawing

Drawing will be held May 15th at the  
annual Wild Game Dinner  
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We weren't sure about hunting coyotes -- Beverly and I both looked at coyotes as worthy adversaries, and a trophy in-and-of-themselves, not merely a pest to opportunistically take out. We don't hate them – they are just another predator doing what they naturally do. But our friend Roger McCosker raved about what a good time he had hunting with Gary Madison in Oregon and so we bid on and got the 2-day coyote hunting lessons from Gary at the CA Wild Sheep Foundation fundraiser the previous year, and had planned several days in our fall hunting trip for dedicated coyote hunting.

We arrived in Eastern Oregon by way of Montana and Idaho, after a week of hunting for Montana mountain goat and black bear. After settling into the Horseshoe Inn we gave Gary a call, to let him know we were in town and to coordinate our hunt starting the next morning. Plans were quickly made to meet up before dawn. The Horseshoe Inn was very comfortable, with tons of extra storage in the room, which was great for two hunters and all their gear. It made the truck loading/unloading everyday easy. As a bonus a small herd of mule deer were comfortable grazing within 10-15 yards of our room, providing better entertainment than the TV.

'Early' came plenty quickly as we pulled into the local McD's and ordered a coffee. Gary was there in moments. We talked for a bit, each sizing the other up. Gary is a tall rugged guy, weathered and confident. We knew right away that we would have a great hunt. We talked about firearms, and Gary suggested we use his .223s instead of our .243 and .300 win mag. He was confident it was a tack driver, "Just hold right on your target out to 200 yards". This was fine with us and we're always inclined to take our guides advice.

We followed Gary out of town, stopping over at a friends "ranchette"



to pick up a Rhino on a trailer. From that point on during the days' hunt Gary drove our truck. That was fine with me as he was a careful driver, and knew the unmarked backroads where we were going.

Our first hunt location was a ranch/farm combo spread, where Gary had an arrangement with the land-owner for predator control. Over the course of the two days we hunted with Gary, we found he pretty much had arrangements with everyone in the area, in addition to knowing some nice public-land spots for a coyote set.

As we pulled onto the property we all spotted our first coyote, running along a field with a large

pivot in it. We drove by and on into the equipment storage area, and dropped the Rhino trailer. Then we decided to take a quick peek back in the area where we'd spotted the coyote. He was still there, so I tried to take him. Gary called the yardage at about 150 yds, so bearing in mind his promise that the gun was good to 200 yds with no hold-over, I held on the shoulder and fired. The dog fell, but quickly got back up, one leg "dangling". I fired again. The coyote fell, then got back up, now clearly suffering on both front legs, he could barely stand and couldn't walk. This wasn't good. At this point I think Gary thought I couldn't shoot, and I thought he'd given me a gun that wasn't as accurate as he said. We decided to move closer for a coup-de-grace. After moving in about 150 yds, we had only cut the distance in half. I think that answered the question for both of us. It was sad to see the coyote with both front legs destroyed so I was happy to put him out of his misery with a finishing shot.

It was clear there was some initial confusion after the first coyote was down. After getting a few photos and reminding Gary that this was our first coyote ever, he tossed the body in a ditch and was ready to move out. Having killed many hundreds



of them in his coyote hunting career, he just didn't see any value in pelts, skulls, or trophies of any kind. Only later in the day, after I finally put my foot down on the second coyote and insisted we skin it and take the head for later skull cleaning, did he "get it", and came back for similar treatment for this coyote, my first.

Although this spot-and-stalk ended in success, we were soon setup in our first legitimate coyote set. On a high point overlooking a scrub-land, with a deadfall at our backs to block our silhouette, Beverly was now the designated shooter. Gary had placed his electronic caller about 30 yards in front of us. Within about fifteen minutes of calling, three coyotes came in at a dead run. They came from an unexpected direction, and ran to within 10 yards of Beverly. She couldn't turn without spooking them, and soon enough they figured out something was off, and disappeared into the scrub. But, WOW! that was an exciting close encounter.

With some post-play analysis we all agreed it must have been a family group. Gary was clearly disappointed that he called in three coyotes to close range and we didn't get one, but to us this coyote hunting was easy. We were at most two hours into it and we'd seen four coyotes and brought one down.

We maintained the set and continued

calling, and a lone coyote appeared at about 100 yds. Beverly couldn't get him in her scope, so when it looked like he was going to bolt, I took my second coyote with one clean shot.

Throughout the course of the day, Gary provided insights into how he picked our set locations, why he used the calls he did, both in terms of sequence and type, and was very informative. He also told us a fair bit about the local landscape and how it had changed over the many years he'd been hunting in the area.

In the traditional nap time as the hunt slowed mid-afternoon, we elected to take Gary up on his offer to show us some local points of interest. We stopped at the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The George M. Benson Memorial Museum was great fun with nearly 200 mounted specimens of local birds artfully displayed, and a nice parklike setting with overlooks of some marshland on the edge of Malheur Lake. It was clear how much drought affected this area, as the lake boundaries were dramatically reduced. This would be a great spot for a picnic and well worth a detour to visit if you are ever in Eastern Oregon.

Our afternoon sets were unproductive. We heard coyotes howling as the sun set but none would come in. In our last set of the night we did have several horses come in.

The second day of the hunt started before dawn, with us meeting Gary at his friends ranchette. As I already had two coyotes we'd focus on getting Beverly one today. We had a

*You can reach Gary Madison at [gmadison812@gmail.com](mailto:gmadison812@gmail.com). He is based in Prineville, OR. He may no longer be actively guiding coyote hunts but we're sure he'll know other people and places in the Burns area, and would love to talk coyotes and predator control.*



few interesting sets. In one we were facing in three directions, and only when we got up after 20-30 minutes did we spook a coyote coming in from the fourth compass point. How did he know? He disappeared into the scrub before any action could be taken.

Finally, everything lined up. We were set up about 20 yards apart, just off the top of a gentle rise in a large field, with a treeline in the distance. One lone coyote came in, first at a run, then slowing to a trot. He hung up at about 80-100 yards, and set down, taking up the classic coyote pose with

nose pointed to the heavens. From my perspective it looked like a clear shot. I waited forever (at least 5-10 minutes) for Beverly to shoot.

Why hadn't she shot. Did they not see it? What was going on? He was just sitting there, it couldn't be easier.

I couldn't see Beverly and Gary, so had no way to get an update. Finally the coyote decided if he couldn't find the screaming wounded rabbit he'd come looking for, he was going to vacate the area. As he started to walk back towards the treeline, a shot rang out, and he made the typical twisting-biting-furball as he tried to lock teeth on whoever had just bit him in the shoulder. Soon enough he was down, and we were ready for our final batch

of trophy pictures.

Afterward, Beverly related that from her angle, the coyote's body was blocked by a scrub-bush the entire time he sat there. Waiting and waiting and waiting, finally he moves and she puts him down at about 80 yards. There was much excitement and celebration to follow.

This was a great hunt by all accounts. We saw eight coyotes in total and bagged three. Gary confided that was about as good as it ever got on a two day hunt. Throughout the hunt Gary was a great guide and teacher. He told us one story of watching a coyote brazenly attacking a newborn calf who had wandered too far from its mother. We had

a great dinner and shared a lot of stories over a home-cooked casserole provided by Gary's wife.

As we were settling up and sharing our sincere thanks for the experience, Gary shared that this would probably be his last coyote hunting class. He has cancer. Wham, that hit us like a ton of bricks, and we were shocked into silence. What can you say?

Upon reflection, while writing this article months later, perhaps that was the biggest lesson Gary taught us on this hunt. We all have limited time to walk this earth, and there is no better way to spend it than afield, hunting and experiencing nature.

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For years now, I've wanted to attend the Wild Sheep Foundation's Convention in Reno, but as it falls in January – a week or two before the SCI Convention – I've never gotten around to it. This year, since I was not attending SCI, I thought it was my prime chance to attend the "The Sheep Show".

I'd always heard that "There are two kinds of hunters: Sheep hunters - and everyone else" so I knew that sheep hunters were "a breed apart" and I wanted to see for myself what it was all about. I packed my duffel bag and headed to Reno, NV for the 2016 Sheep Show 21-23 January.

### The Show

Attending the show was a breeze. Admission involved paying \$15 for a day pass and having your back pack checked for spray paint (animal rights activists have been attending hunting shows lately and spray-painting the taxidermy). You don't even need to be a member of the Wild Sheep Foundation, but joining costs only \$45 for the year so well worth it.

I would guess half the outfitters at the show were from the western US/Canada or Alaska, with the rest from places like New Zealand, Spain, Turkey and even Mongolia. But the dominant "feel" of the show was Western: there were lots of cowboy boots and hats everywhere.



**Top:** Sheep Show - floor show. **Bottom:** Sheep - captures the romance of sheep hunting in the high mountains, which I alluded to in the article

The mix of vendors was very different than the ones I've seen at SCI. The rifle manufacturers were much more oriented to long-range shooting, like Gunwerks with its "Long Range University". The optics manufacturers promoted lots of range finders and larger spotting scopes and the gear was all about being light-weight and keeping the hunters warm in layers.

While there were some seminars on various sheep hunts taken by the members, many of the seminars were about how to get in "sheep shape". Sheep hunting involves hiking up and down mountains at high altitude, with thin air – often for weeks.

Hunters are recommended to embark on a serious training regimen, including maintain a training log starting six months before the hunt, and doing strenuous training like running long distance, using a Stairmaster with a back pack on, hiking with heavy back packs and climbing flights of stairs.

While attending these seminars, it felt like the speakers were preparing



novice hunters for a military deployment! But it really drove home the point that sheep hunting is not for the faint of heart.

Overall, The Sheep Show was an interesting peek into a unique hunting subculture, but in size and scope it was no substitute for the SCI Convention: There were probably one-fourth of number of exhibits as there are at SCI, and most attendees could see them all in half a day.

### So What Sets Sheep Hunting Apart?

Based on what I learned at the show, I see two things that separate sheep hunting from other hunting.

The first I already alluded to: Sheep hunting is much more physically demanding. Hunters spend 10-14 days at high altitude hiking up and down steep mountains just to get in position to take a shot, only to see the animals run up seemingly vertical rock faces

and disappear, and having to start all over again. Sheep hunters need lots of stamina and will power - not to mention balance and sure-footedness and even a bit of stubbornness - to have a prayer of reaching these animals on their own turf.

The second thing that struck me was how expensive sheep hunting is. Hunting exotic rams like argali or ibex in places like Mongolia or Tajikistan costs upwards of \$40,000! Think of how many animals you could take on an African plains game hunt for that money. Even a relatively local Dall sheep hunt in British Columbia or Alaska will run you \$16-20,000.

When you consider that many hunts are not successful, one might have to pay these fees multiple times before bringing home the trophy - and those costs add up.

These two factors combined lead to what I've come to think of as the paradox of sheep hunting: By time you're old enough to afford it, you're too old to DO it!

So I wondered: Why do they do it? Perhaps Jack O'Connor said it best:

*"Sheep hunters are romantics who love high places and solitude. To them, the wild ram embodies the mystery and the magic of the mountains... the sense of being alone at the top of the world with the eagles, the marmots and the wild sheep themselves. The sheep hunter is willing to climb until his lungs are bursting, to walk until his legs are dead weary, to go hungry and thirsty for great rewards. There is no half way."*

A young woman named Kelli Thornton who just got her first ram in Alaska last year adds:



**Top:** Typical outfitters at the show - a 'western' look. **Bottom:** "Why is it whenever I go to a hunting show, I run into Beverly Valdez?"

*"It is a life-changing experience only a sheep hunter knows and understands. The commitment you made to yourself is fulfilled. You have a greater respect and appreciation for the species and their habitat. I pushed myself to limits I never thought imaginable. [My] ram taught me more about myself than I realized. I became a better person up on that mountain that day."*

Sentiments like these take the allure of hunting to another level and make you do some soul-searching. Could I do it? I've personally hunted in the Western US as well as Africa and New Zealand, but the one hunting mecca I haven't hunted yet is Alaska, home of (among other things) Dall Sheep. Should I take the challenge?

Well, they say there are two kinds of hunters: Sheep hunters – and everyone else.

I just might have to give it a try – before I get too old.



## The "Less Than One" Club

*One of the oddities of the sheep hunting sub-culture is the "Less Than One Club": It may be the only club in the world whose members' sole ambition is to get officially kicked out!*

*Here's the problem: Harvesting a wild ram is a goal that may take many years to attain. First, due to the high cost, it may take years to save up for the hunt. And if unsuccessful, it will take more years before the hunter can try again.*

*Knowing that this can be discouraging to aspiring sheep hunters, the Wild Sheep Foundation started the "Less Than One Club", a kind of support group for hunters who haven't gotten their first ram yet.*

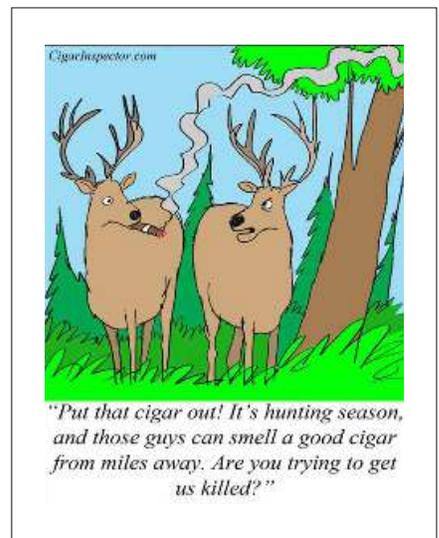
*Membership in the club costs only \$25 per year. Members get a t-shirt with the above logo and are entered into a drawing at the annual Sheep Show for a chance to win one of three sheep hunts, plus \$1,000 to help with expenses.*

*Pretty neat, huh? Just another example of the tight-knit, sheep-hunting community!*

More info at: <https://www.WildSheepFoundation.org/Page.php/cp/%3C1%20CLUB>

Thanks to the SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, I went on an awesome duck hunt at the Rich Island Duck Club. A special thanks to Gabe Tabib who donated the hunt to the SCI fundraiser last year where I won it! I had so much fun and I'm glad to see that they have kid prizes, this opens up the world of hunting to kids my age, and keeps hunting alive. Thanks again for the awesome trip.

The trip: I left for the club the night before and took a boat to the island, where we were served a delicious dinner. The next morning I got up early and got out there. I sat in a blind with Gabe, and my Dad hid behind us, then Gabe called the ducks and when they got close I stood up and shot. I hit three birds, two dropped and the third kept going. Sadly we got to the ducks late and one had been eaten by a hawk! The other we took home and ate it. It was pretty good! Thanks so much to the SCI Bay Area Chapter and the Rich Island Duck Club and Gabe Tabib.



My first fishing trip was in Canada. My father’s side of the family had been in Ontario, Canada since the 1700’s. Dad was a Flying Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His dad had built a house in Elmira, Ontario. My father’s high school graduating class had 3 people... you may get the idea it was a small town. I recall it was a great place to visit. Things were so local, Pop never had a car, only a bicycle. A safe little town, I went swimming at the public pool one day and had borrowed grandpa’s watch so I would know what time it was to know when to come home. When I got dressed, I forgot the watch. The next day, that watch was still on the same bench where I left it despite crowds using the public pool.

A fishing trip was planned, folks were getting excited, I didn’t know why the adults were so giddy. Lunches were packed, equipment was assembled and off to a large creek or small river the entourage went. I am going to estimate being about 4 years old. I know I hadn’t started school yet. Being a typically curious and afraid of nothing youngster, this fishing stuff was quite interesting. I was to find there were rocks to play with, mud, bugs, worms – it was like kids heaven! Understand this from the view of the child that on that trip found a few baby skunks and brought them home to live. The smell didn’t bother me, however it made for many anxious moments and being bathed in elixirs of tomato juice. After rounding up all those babies, and putting them in a large flower pot on the front porch, I had to let them go! When we got to the fishing destination, it was difficult to stay focused on fishing. Being outdoors, away from the house, my senses were intrigued by everything! The rods were all rigged up, hooks baited, bobbers set. There was a lot of yelling about my bobber going crazy and I should mind the rod. I reeled in my first fish! Even though it was my first fish, I knew it was a trophy. I do

recall the adults in the group saying something about it being too small and I should let it go. Of course, I knew better – let my first fish go? Someone had better be kidding me. I ambled creekside, pondering the fate of this beauty. It was clear to me that this treasure and I were not about to be separated. So into my pocket it went. Some would think that was the end of the story. No, because I was still intent on keeping that fish. A week or two later, the upstairs of the house began to smell, each hot day getting worse. Parents have the built-in knowledge of finding things out of place. It took extra time to find my fish friend as I had folded the pants and put them in the drawer! The pants were finally discovered; no one had thought to look immediately at folded pants in a drawer! Ironically, my fish buddy didn’t look or feel the same after a week or so in a pants pocket either. I had lost interest in that fish but always looked forward to fishing from that day forward.

**First Hog**

I still remember that house at 42 Centre Street, Elmira. The basement was always cool, a bar area, dart board and a real cellar with the damp smell of long-stored items. I came from a

family not known for hunting. My grandfather had a very big 10 point deer head that I found out much later in life was given to him by a friend. I recall those 4 long tines on each side and large eye guards. I didn’t come from a family of shooters either. As a competition freediver in Santa Cruz, I would listen to dive buddies with little interest “..30.06 cartridge necked down to ....” For me, it was only the next fishing trip or diving trip to parts unknown. One of the club members invited me to go shooting one day. He handed me a 16 gauge shotgun with a stock modified for a very small person. After a box or so of ammo, the next day it looked like someone beat my biceps with a rubber hose – black and blue from not locking the shotgun against my shoulder. After years of range talk and hunting stories, I bought a pistol for target shooting with other Santa Cruz Sea Urchin Dive Club members. There was a range in Scotts Valley with a pistol area, rifle area, and shotgun area. Later I bought a used rifle from a shop going out of business, a Remington 742 Woodsmaster 30.06. After a year or so of punching holes in pieces of paper and listening to hunt stories, I got curious about how to break down an animal to have

edible parts. I knew how to break down fish of various types, where to start on animals? Starting meant getting a hunting license, which I did in Salinas. Into the hills of California on public land, I was looking for a huge buck, bigger than the one in grandpa's basement, not knowing that was a whitetail. I saw forked horns, however those were beneath me. On a trip someone actually shot a forked horn, I was puzzled, what was that all about? I tried my hand at hog hunting as well. Now that I was a hunter, my bullet bill dropped to near zero, while my gas bill skyrocketed. I was off 152 by Bell Station when I got my first hog on private property. The area had been producing well for others but the day I went we couldn't see hogs in any of the previous common areas. We saw a sounder a mile or so away in another canyon with binoculars and a spotting scope, too far to drag with no roads, and decided to just watch them playing pig games, running into each other and squealing. On the way down the hillside, I spotted a group of four heading my way! By now, I was well read on the subject. The good eaters should be about 150 lbs. Reality struck me hard, here comes 4 pigs, which one was 150 lbs? So I reasoned the 3 smaller hogs were 40 to 80 lbs, the big one should be about 130-150

lbs. After that rationalization, the rest was easy. I had practiced for this moment at the range for a few years. Trigger pulled, I hurried towards my 'little' pig. Three of us struggled to get the roughly 240 lb old boar on the ATV, even after gutting. There was a lot to experiment with, so Los Gatos Meats smoked a monster ham, made me sausage and lots of chops. My first hog and I was going to eat it! To this day, I remember the chops. Every time I tried to eat one it reminded me why God gave me teeth. I think my boot soles would have been more tender.

**First deer tag filled**

Years of deer tag draws and I hadn't harvested a deer. To add insult to injury, coming home from a non-productive deer hunt, Caltrans had put one of the caution signs for deer right at my highway exit in Aptos! I was only starting to realize there were different species of deer. Years of competition freediving and diving at the Channel Islands had made me very familiar with Catalina Island. I had seen goats on the cliffs while I was out looking for yellow tail and white sea bass with a spear. I found out about the "deer, goat, and pig hunt" on the Island in the fall. For over a decade I rented a house in Avalon in June to participate in the

Blue Water Meet, a spear fishing contest. So I signed up for the deer hunt, took the Long Beach Ferry to the Isthmus and was shown my accommodations at Banning house. The buffalo were interesting, but out of my price range. I'll never forget seeing buffalo playing in the ocean by the Isthmus, if only their relatives knew! When I got there, I was immediately warned hunting had not been going all that well, don't get too picky. Armed with a .308 Norma Mag, I heeded that advice and took the first deer I saw – a forked horn. My first guided hunt, I didn't want to risk another bowl of tag soup.

*Editor's Note: Captain Tom went on to continue hunting and fishing throughout his life and has been very involved with SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and the San Mateo Harbor Commission.*



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Whether you were hunting for a good time, hunting for a great hunt or family vacation, or Hunting for the Future of Hunting, the 2016 Greater Bay Area fundraiser had everything you could ask for!

Almost 300 members, friends, and hunters of all ages braved a rainy night to attend the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser in Foster City. This event, hosted by both the Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay Area Chapters, is the main fundraising activity of the year. Chapter projects include supplying our wounded veterans with gear, travel, and hunts throughout the western US; providing opportunities for kids to hunt, fish and target shoot; gathering and distributing wild game and warm clothing to the needy; and funding research and conservation projects in association with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other organizations.

California Fish and Game Commissioner Anthony Williams addressed the crowd and spoke about the influence his grandfather had on him by taking him hunting and fishing while growing up in Bakersfield. Commissioner Williams knows that many of the groups that present before the Commission are well-funded, professional advocates who are anti-hunting and that most hunters are working class people who don't have the time and resources to hire advocates, making

events like SCI fundraisers so important for raising awareness in addition to fundraising.

Commissioner Williams talked about being committed to fair, thoughtful and proper consideration on the Commission and pledged to ensure that hunting and fishing continues in California.

Two other exciting events took place at the fundraiser with an eye toward the future of hunting.

First, the California "Golden Opportunity Deer Tag" was on the auction block and fetched \$33,000. This special tag allows for one buck deer in any open zone in California with an extended season for the winning hunter. The proceeds of the sale go to the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and thanks to recent legislation in California supported by SCI, a 5% buyer's premium is assessed and retained by the SCI chapters to continue their local projects and that of SCI and SCI Foundation.

Second, every young person in attendance won a prize appropriate for their age. From hats and gear to fishing and hunting trips, every young person walked away a winner. The Greater Bay Area fundraiser committee has continued this tradition since it's earliest days. As a family event, this is a great way to spend a day with your family and others. Don't miss next year – mark your calendar now for March 4th, 2017!

### **Wounded Warriors Enjoy GBA 2016**



**Top:** Jose Rodriguez, USMC Viet Nam veteran, with wife Chrissy. **Center:** Doug Bassford, USMC Gulf War veteran, with wife Bev. **Bottom:** Richard Peeters, US Army Iraq/Afghan veteran, with wife Kristen and daughter.

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## CHAPTER HUNTS

2004



2009



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2014



2015



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### NOVEMBER 10-15, 2016 whitetail/mule deer hunt with Tim Reich

The Tim Reich ranch is one of the chapter members' favorite deer hunting grounds – and for good reason. The hunt takes place in the foothills of Black Hills and the ranch accommodations are relaxing with home-style meals and comfortable accommodations. You will arrive at the ranch on the 10th, hunt the 11th through the 14th and depart on the 15th. This hunt is **ONLY** available through special invitation or by winning the bid at the fundraiser. We will make your Wyoming deer application for you as part of the group — we have rarely had licenses fail as part of the group. Cost is \$500 deposit (refunded if not drawn) for license processing and \$1500 for the hunt. **Only 2 hunting spots remain for this special Wyoming hunt and the draw deadline (recently changed) is May 15. We must have your entry and \$500 deposit by May 1st.**



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

**May 15, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

Three Flames Restaurant, 157 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

## **WILD GAME AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Trophies must have been taken in the calendar year 2015.
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.
4. Each entry will be judged based on the photo alone. The hunter may also submit a scoring sheet.  
If you wish to have the trophy scored you can submit the results; SCI scoring is most preferred.  
Scoring is NOT required. The following can possibly assist you.  
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Alex Rolsky - Imbert & Smithers Sport Shop (650) 593-4207  
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### Note:

- » All entries for the awards will be judged based on their unique attributes including difficulty of hunt, type of firearm, number of entries, and hunter experience.
- » Awards for fish will be based on species, line used, size and/or length

5. Awards will be presented for the following categories: NORTH AMERICA, AFRICA, INTERNATIONAL NON-AFRICA, EXOTICS and SELF-GUIDED, and JUNIORS plus others determined by the Wild Game Awards committee.
6. No award fee is required; however, attendance at the WILD GAME AWARDS BANQUET is required. Banquet reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Banquet fee is \$65 per person and \$40 per junior under 15. The club will pay for the first two awards; any other plaques beyond two will be the responsibility of the awardee @ \$20 per plaque.
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## **JUDGING AND SCORING**

All entries must be received by April 20, 2016 to [bev@safariclub-sfbay.org](mailto:bev@safariclub-sfbay.org) or by US mail to Rob Lawson, Wild Game Awards, 423 Broadway #624, Millbrae, Ca 94030

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On March 19th President Rob Lawson attended and judged the work of California taxidermists to determine this year's SCI SFBA "Best of Show" winner. This is the fifth year of support for C.A.T. from the chapter. If you have not yet attended this show it is well worth it. Look for the invitation next year!

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## LYNCH COMMISSION UPDATE

This is a summary of portions of a report provided by Kathy Lynch (Lynch & Associates) early in the year with an eye towards keeping us aware of most important information in Sacramento with the Fish and Game Commission. It has been edited for space constraints. As is now well known, Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director of the Fish and Game Commission, and Commissioner Jim Kellogg both resigned from the Commission in January.

### FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

The California Fish and Game Commission is composed of five members:

**Jack Baylis**, President – his term began on September 29, 2010 and expires on January 15, 2016.

**Jim Kellogg**, Vice-President – his term began on January 1, 2002; his current term expires on January 15, 2018. Mr. Kellogg was recently reconfirmed by the Senate.

**Jacque Hostler-Carmesin** – Ms. Hostler-Carmesin was appointed on June 4, 2013 and her term expires on January 15, 2019.

**Anthony Williams** – Mr. Williams was appointed on June 18, 2015 and his term expires on January 15, 2021. He must be confirmed by the State Senate by July 5, 2016.

**Eric Sklar** – Mr. Sklar was appointed on June 18, 2015 and his term expires on January 15, 2017. He must be confirmed by the State Senate by July 5, 2016.

### Fish and Game Commission Hot Topics

Hot topics at the Fish and Game Commission, continuing in 2016, include the following:

- Implementation of lead ammunition ban
- Response to bobcat regulations
- Amendment of mammal hunting regulations
- Commission transparency

### WRC Work Plan for 2016

Planned rulemakings referred to the Wildlife Resources Committee in 2015 and are ongoing for 2016 are as follows:

- (a) Predator management policy review
- (b) One year versus calendar term fishing license

(c) Feral pig management

(d) Possession of game for processing into food [Section 3080(e), Fish and Game Code]



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