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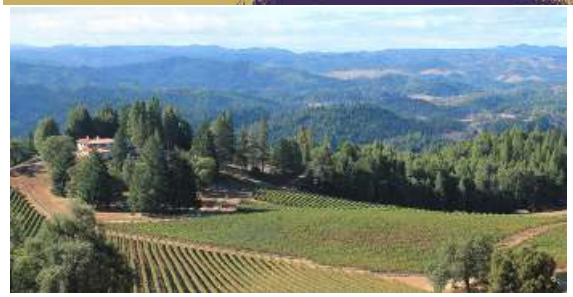

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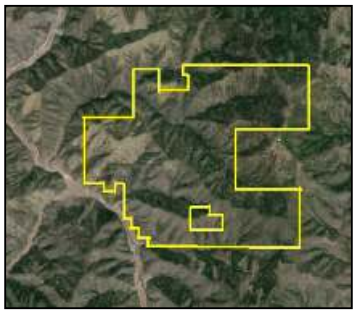

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello SFBA Friends and Family,

It's always hunting season somewhere — but especially in California, this is the premium hunt season for big game: deer, sheep, antelope, elk. I hope all of you has a tag to fill and maybe even a 'special' hunt planned — something you've dreamed of hunting or haven't had the opportunity to hunt before. First and foremost I want everyone to be safe out there, and when you come back from your successful hunt please please write a short story and send it to us along with some pictures so we can share your story in the next BaseCamp.

If any of you have a hunting story from the past that really excites you please send it Into us we would love to have it in the next BaseCamp for our ongoing series of "My First Hunt" stories. These are so fun to read — whether it was your very first hunt or a memorable species first doesn't matter. Share your stories and I bet it will make you happy remembering that hunt too!

Coming up in a few short weeks will be our annual Fall Appreciation Dinner. We have a fantastic speaker lined up for you: Victoria Termini, the new Executive Director of the California Fish and Game Commission. She will provide an update on the current Commission status, upcoming meetings, policy direction, and strategic planning. I know everyone has a lot of questions about the Commission and we plan on having plenty of time for Q&A. See the registration information on page 13.

Coming up after the holidays we'll have the busy convention season — something I always look forward to! But first, in January, don't forget to attend 'one of the best crab feeds on the Peninsula' (according to one of the semi-professional crabbers that attends every year). The annual crab feed will be January 15, 2017 at the Burlingame Lions Club Hall.

While the big SCI convention and Ultimate Hunter's Market is great fun to attend (Feb 1-4, 2017), I hope you have on your calendar the local Greater Bay Area Fundraiser on March 4, 2017. See more about the fundraiser on page 14. We strive to bring you the best in hunts, family trips, gear, and more. This is THE fundraiser in the Bay area that you do not want to miss!

Finally, do any of you have that one friend, buddy, pal, or acquaintance that is hemming and hawing about joining SFBA Chapter? Check out page 19 where you'll find a short list of what we have supported in just the last six month! That will help everyone to understand that our focus is on the aiding our community and the environment as well as the sport of hunting and fishing. Our veteran's support is second to none; our work with the community is strong in both humanitarian efforts and in education; and, we continue to work with CDFW and others on conservation projects within the state. Invite just one person to join the chapter this year! It is you, the members, that keeps this chapter strong with your contributions of time, effort, and funds.

Now get out there and go hunting, and remember — just pull the trigger!

Robbie Lawson President

Cathie Nelson, Edie and Dwight Ortmann were recently hunting and fishing in Louisiana. **Left Top and Bottom:** Cathie Nelson with Gator, 2016. **Right Top and Bottom:** Edie Ortmann with Gator, 2016.

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September 25, 2016
Annual Feed The Hungry
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November 6, 2016
Annual Fall Dinner
Divino's in Belmont

November 10-15, 2016
Chapter Hunt at the Reich Ranch in Wyoming. THIS HUNT IS FULLY SUBSCRIBED!

January 15, 2017,
Annual Crab Feed
Burlington Lions Club Hall

March 4, 2017
Annual Greater Bay Area Fundraiser,
Foster City Crowne Plaza

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. $625 will hold your spot; the total is $2500.

Above: Dwight Ortmann – wild pig, hunted with Chad Weibe of Oak Stone Outfitters.

Center: Dwight and Edie Ortmann – red fish. **Center Right:** Dwight Ortmann – tagged red fish.

Above: Oregon Goose Hunt – John Ware (right). **Right:** Edie Ortmann fishing.

Stan and Pamela Atwood went to Tanzania with Safari Trackers Adam Clements as our PH. Stan took a great leopard and and several 40+ inch buffalo. Also roan, Thompson gazelle, warthog, hyena, waterbuck, bushbuck and zebra. We had a great time and the camp was wonderful.

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After hunting in Tanzania Stan and Pamela Atwood enjoyed a little duck and goose shooting in Edmonton, Alberta. We went with Doug Scandrol and Amanda and had a great 4 days.

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FIRST PIG – BY DIEGO BERMEJO

Last fall my dad and I went to Mendocino County for a pig hunt. After a morning of hunting there was no sign of pigs but we saw several deer. At about 10:00 a.m. when the weather began to heat up, we made our way back to camp and met up with the other hunters, Mitch and Jim. Normally after the morning hunt we go back to the house and relax, maybe take a nap or have some lunch. But my dad and I decided to go to and try one more area.

There was an area near by that consisted of a creek bottom and had many big trees that kept it nice and cool. My dad and I slowly made our way up, stopping and looking around for any pigs. We had gone up one side of the creek bed, high up on a ledge, looking for any sign of pigs. There where several spots with big boulders where we would stop and take a look. After about 20 minutes of walking we were looking down one more boulder when my dad tapped my shoulder and quietly said to me, "Hey look! There's a pig!" I looked down at the creek bed and saw a pig laying down in a cool spot next to a flowing creek and some big boulders.

My dad pulled out his 280 and set up the shooting sticks for me. I peered into the scope and my heart started racing. I felt the adrenaline rush as I took a breath and squeezed the trigger. The loud shot broke the silence and the pig jumped up and stared me right in the eye. I pulled the rifle up to my shoulder and squeezed off another shot. The pig dropped and I took a deep breath and looked at my dad. After making sure the pig was dead we unloaded the rifle and took some pictures. The pig was too heavy for just us two to carry it back so we went back to camp and got my dads friends to help. We gutted the pig and all four of us hauled it back. It was so heavy we had to tie a rope around his arms and his head to haul him out of the creek and onto the road where we put him in the truck and drove off back to camp with an extra passenger.

Through the San Francisco Bay Area Safari Club I've been able to go on several pheasant hunts with Buck Buchanan, but this is the first big game animal I've ever shot. I've been with my dad when he shot some pigs and a deer. But this is the first year when I had my own pig tag and I hope to go on a lot more hunting adventures with my dad. This year I have a deer tag, so stay tuned for that exciting story.

I had supposed that getting a good trophy muskox in Greenland might take two or three days, but instead, all six hunters in my particular group got record-book Musk-Ox on the first day!

Truly, I think that anyone would have enjoyed it! The country was scenic, with enormous glaciers, rushing glacial rivers, steep tundra-covered hills, and lots of game.

This hunt was bought at the Greater San Francisco SCI Fundraiser, and was donated via Joe Jakab of Point Blank Hunts. The local guide and outfitter was Karsten Lings, operating out of the town of Kangerlussuaq.

ARROW FIVE OUTFITTERS

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THE BOARDS OF THE GOLDEN GATE AND SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTERS INVITE YOU TO THE

Annual Greater San Francisco Bay Area SCI Fundraiser!

Saturday, March 4th, 2017

We will be featuring new adventures, as well as our most requested repeats! These are all proven opportunities.

— Great five-day all inclusive hunt in the Eastern Cape of South Africa for one hunter and one non-hunter with famed Mike Murray's African Field Sports, Hunt over a million acres, includes four trophy fees. This is an exclusive opportunity offered by no other chapter. Numerous chapter members have enjoyed this friendly operation.

— A Tequila Party at the Bay Area Location Of Your Choice! Board Member Tomas Bermejo will bring the party to you as he makes the highest quality "Tommy's" margaritas for you and your friends. Tomas' family owns award-winning Tommy's Mexican Restaurant and Tequila Bar in San Francisco. Tomas will provide 100% Blue Agave Tequila and the ingredients for making high end margaritas and will include seasonal hors d'oeuvres such as ceviche and guacamole.

— Wyoming ranch hunt with Tim Reich, a great chapter supporter and member. Tim has hosted many chapter hunts at his northeastern WY ranch, with most hunters anxious to go back for more! This is a true free range hunt on a working ranch.

— A new antelope hunt offering is from Tri State Outfitters at the T O Ranch in Raton, New Mexico. Member Bob Armanesco says he has hunted there every year for the last 15 – 18 years. Always seeing many antelope and usually has 2 to 3 top picks by the second day. "Every part of the hunt is always 1st class. The property is a working cattle ranch of 400k+ acres and managed for quality hunting. I have hunted deer, elk and antelope there and recommend all. An added bonus is that this is close to the NRA Wittington Center."

— Wonderful opportunity at famed Algar Safaris in Argentina, which has been repeatedly featured on the Outdoor Channel for it's great hunting, guides and accommodations! We are also looking into a super-luxurious high volume Argentine dove operation. There are easy air links to Argentina, a friendly country.

— We will also be offering the very popular roe deer hunt offered by ORCHAPE in the South of France, with mouflon and boar as possible add-ons. Hunting in France is a unique and pleasant experience, as much for the non-hunter so take a friend or spouse along!

— We are finalizing arrangements with SS Pro Safaris for one of their ten-day hunts in Northern South Africa for plains game, plus some pretty rare offerings, including caracul, genet, civet and bush-pig. This donation generated a lot of interest last year, and we think it a very interesting choice for your first safari or your fifteenth…

— We are negotiating for a wonderful estate whitetail opportunity, a summer Montana fishing trip on the famed Madison and Jefferson Rivers, and the possibility of another great Canadian hunt (moose or bear) opportunity.

—And, as always, we are seeking quality adventures in California, including pigs, deer, birds and fishing opportunities. Stay tuned for more information!

Please support your chapters — attend this gala event to have fun, meet friends, and show you really care!

Your board members hope to see you there!

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SCIF American Wilderness Leadership School is where Educators learning about conservation science, wildlife ecology and the positive role of hunting.

Each year SFBA Chapter Sables sponsor educators and students to attend. See the story from our most recent attendee on page 10.

A new AWLS education center is being built and you have the opportunity to support it by having a paver with your name or organization recognized. Monies raised from the paver requests will be applied towards the construction costs. Any remaining will be placed in an AWLS Trust Fund. This is a tax-deductible contribution.

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AWLS BROADENED MY HORIZONS – BY MARK PABST

My entire experience at AWLS not only provided me with new approaches to pedagogy and broadened my horizons regarding environmental issues, but also provided something much more invaluable. In a world where many people who consider themselves environmentalists are ambivalent or hostile towards hunting, fishing, and general "outdoorsman" lifestyles, AWLS serves as an exemplary program for providing a positive introduction to hunting and shooting sports.

Many of my fellow AWLS attendees had no familiarity with firearms or shooting prior to the workshop, and the AWLS instructors demonstrated an incredible ability to break down negative preconceptions towards firearms and hunting through patient explanation and hands-on demonstration. I plan to use many of their techniques in my own teaching in the future.

But, perhaps most of all, my AWLS session was just an out and out good time. I can only thank you, the chapter, and SCI in general for making it happen.

Students on the shooting line as part of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) certification process. MarkPabst in foreground.

Above: AWLS students calculating stream flow rates on the bank of Granite Creek. **Left:** A brief lecture on invertebrate ecology prior to catching some stonefly nymphs.

I won this hunt in the live auction at the 2015 Greater Bay Area fundraiser, bidding without hesitation as this would be the wife and my second trip there. Our first was in 2009 and I have to say that under Mariano they have improved an excellent experience to an over the top experience.

In 2009 I harvested an excellent Russian boar, around 300 lbs. with excellent tusks, and a beautiful 3/4 curl mouflon ram. This year I harvested a Patagonia ram, a good axis deer, (after a three hour stalk) and a wild goat whom I have named ZZTop. Looking at the picture you can see why I named him that. I already have a red stag (I saw so many gold medallion stags I lost count). When I next return to Algar, I will focus on a Patagonia Dall (I can't tell the difference between a North American Dall head and its South American version) and black buck.

After the Algar Safaris hunt Rosario and I continued on to LaPaz Bolivia and Cochabamba to visit her relatives.

ABOUT ALGAR

Algar Safari's estate is located about two and a half hour drive north of the town of San Carlos de Bariloche in Patagonia. The facility appears to be brand new but it's not. They maintain it in as-new condition. Really this being our second trip there, I noticed nothing out of place or in need of repair. The food is over the top and the staff was wonderful, especially to my wife. I even had the same guide as I did in 2009. If you really must use it, their cell tower works just like you are at home. In camp with us, a couple from Florida was able to check up on their boys easily. The largest improvement they've made is a printed guide (with pictures) for the hunter of common terms in Spanish so you can more easily communicate with your assigned guide.

Left: Paul with wild goat. **Right:** Paul with Patagonia ram.

IF YOU GO

I highly recommend a day or two in Buenos Aires to decompress from the flight, shop and take a City tour. One of the tours Rosario and I took was the Tigre Tour. Tigre is a small delta town on the Rio Parana and Rio Plata River delta. Very interesting delta as islands have homes on them and the merchants ply the delta selling groceries and other necessities in these gorgeous old restored boats. Of note is that South American craft is half the price of the same goods in Buenos Aires.

I also rent a rifle rather than drag one of mine all the way down there. I rented the same .270 Remington 700 with Zeiss scope as before. (Nice and light on a three hour stalk.) They also have .300's and 30-06's.

Algar Safaris is a long time donor to the Chapter and I highly recommend this trip.

Above: Paul and Rosita. **Below:** Paul with axis deer.

CANADA FISHING – BY LARRY LUNDBERG

I caught over 330 fish in 6 days of fishing. 220 lakers (mostly jig), 90 pike (lure), 22 grayling (fly) and one whitefish. All catch and release. 43" pike, 39" laker and 19" grayling. This was at the Lodge at Little Duck Lake in northern Manitoba. Fabulous fishing, good food/guides, comfortable lodging, but lots of bugs.

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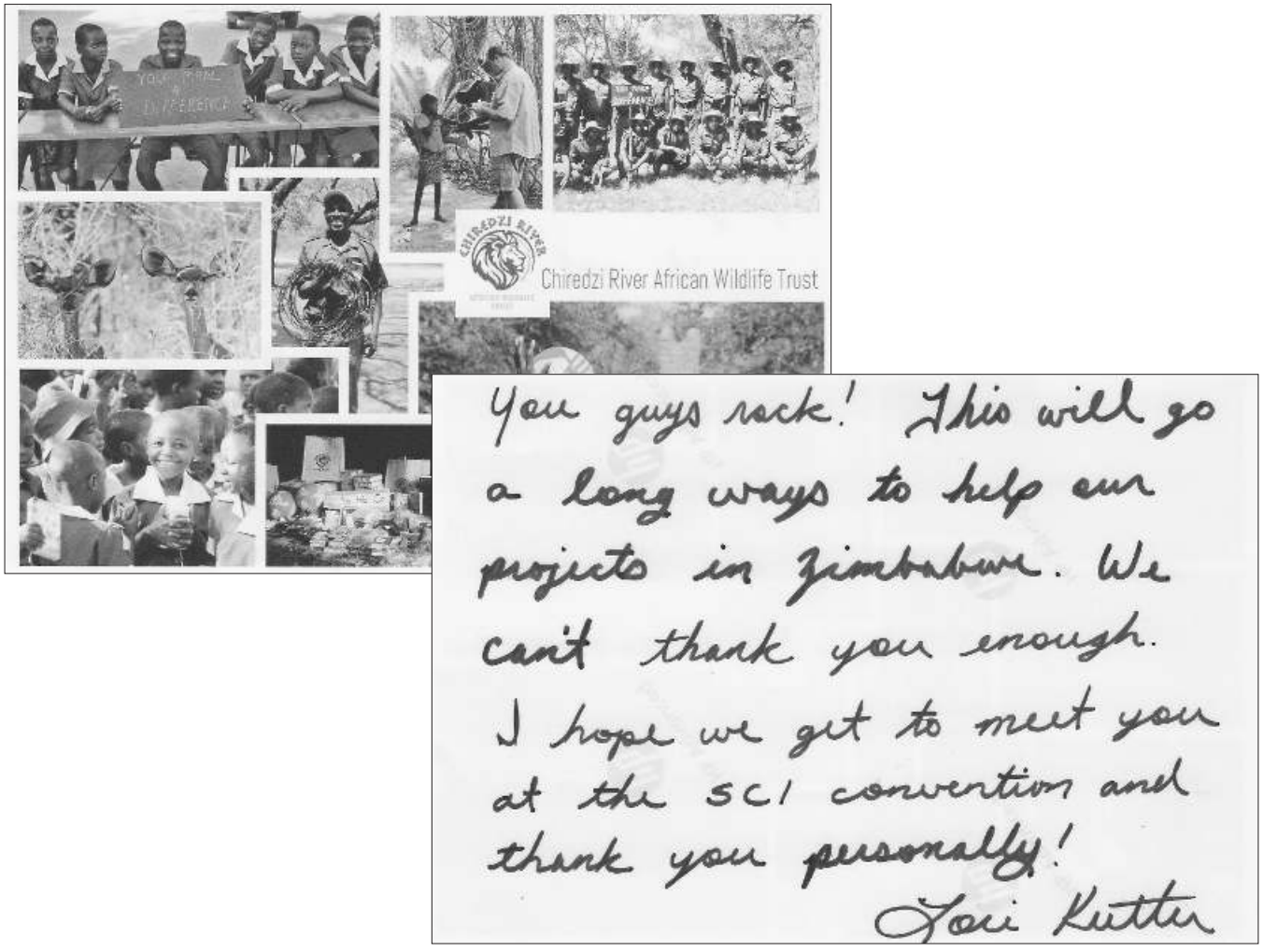

PROJECTS BY YOUR CHAPTER

This is a short list of this year's projects so far. Get involved by contacting the office (bev@safariclub-sfbay.org or 650-627-7601.

Veterans support included:
-Purchased Comanche Hills pheasant club for Purple Heart Anglers to allow many wounded veterans to be able to enjoy a day of pheasant hunting.

-Sponsored 5 veterans ranging from 80% disabled to 100% disabled to an antelope hunt in Wyoming

-Sponsored disabled veterans on a spring bear hunt in conjunction with Wounded Warriors Outdoors

Conservation support included:
-Purchase fence posts for the San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve to protect elk

-Fund a fish acclimation net pen to enhance salmon survival and guard against predation by sea lions, with Coastside Fishing Club

-Contribute to the East Mojave Water and Mule Deer project which is an ongoing research project to help in identifying the major underlying factors influencing fawn survival beyond water treatment areas

-Purchased deer decoys for CA DFW to install as part of its out of season anti-poaching efforts

Humanitarian support for:
-San Jose Emmanuel House - donated wild game and members cooked/ served more than 200 meals

-San Mateo Samaritan House - donated wild game for distribution; collected and donated warm clothing

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Chiredzi River African Wildlife Trust - donated funds for supporting the anti-poaching program that this organization is very involved in managing and educating people about.

Education support for:
-American Wilderness Leadership School - sponsored two teachers and students to attend week-long sessions in Wyoming

-Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council of BSA - donation to support shooting education activities.

General support for
- The AWLS Cabin Building project sponsoring two tiles

- The NorCal Longshots Sporting Clays Team trip to SCTP Nationals in July where more than 2,500 teen competitors

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FROM BILL GAINES & ASSOCIATES

Bill Gaines (Gaines & Associates) reminds us about the phase in implementation of NON-LEAD ammo. We are now in PHASE 2 so be sure you are using the correct ammo.

Phase 1
– Effective July 1, 2015, nonlead ammunition will be required when taking Nelson bighorn sheep and all wildlife on CDFW wildlife areas and ecological reserves.

Phase 2
– Effective July 1, 2016, nonlead shot will be required when taking upland game birds with a shotgun, except for dove, quail, snipe, and any game birds taken on licensed game bird clubs. In addition, nonlead shot will be required when using a shotgun to take resident small game mammals, furbearing mammals, nongame mammals, nongame birds, and any wildlife for depredation purposes.

Phase 3
– Effective July 1, 2019, nonlead ammunition will be required when taking any wildlife with a firearm anywhere in California.

Existing restrictions on the use of lead ammunition in the California condor range remain in effect while implementation proceeds.

The annual BBQ and shoot at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays was once again a great 'end of summer' activity for the chapter!

Elk burgers were cooked by members John Ware and David Noble from elk donated by Ron Gurski. Yum! That's all that needs to be said about that!

Each year teams from SFBA and GG chapters vie for the best shooters. This year — it was a TIE as the teams were having to much fun to pay much attention to the scores!

Buck Buchanan had his hands full with youth shooting from 1pm on. This family affair is for everyone to enjoy so be sure to put it on your calendar for next year! It's always the last Sunday before the Labor Day weekend. That's August 26, 2017 — don't miss it!

I stared at the e-mail: "your first hunt, first overseas hunt – I need a story, and I need it by the 10th"...

Hmmmm – well, I always try to assist, and swirled my Jack Daniels reflexively in my glass and thought back..'way 'way back.

I have never written up either my first "real" hunt nor my first African hunt. Back then it seemed that they were indelibly etched in my mind, and would never fade. Time has proven me wrong.

It is hard to remember back to my first "real" hunt, that is, as I then loosely defined it: a hunt involving out-of-state travel, and using a real honest-to-gosh, hairy-chested "Mark Trail"-type guide.

The year was 1962 (54 years ago!!!!!!!) and I was graduating from High School in Oakland. My father told me that he was seeking a suitable graduation present, and I shamelessly seized upon the opportunity to say that I really wanted a hunting trip. My Dad, a non-hunter, couldn't have been more taken aback if I had said "I want a trip to the far side of the moon", but to his eternal and undying credit he said "If that's what you want, then let's look into it". My room was literally awash with "Outdoor Life" and "Field and Stream" magazines, so I was happy to do the basic research.

One never wants to be too greedy or pushy when treading on uncertain ground, so I told Dad I was thinking about a Wyoming deer and antelope hunt. (I figured that this was already pushing the very outer limits of Dad's good will). Again, to his credit, Dad agreed without conditions or objections, but giving me a budget figure that I now don't recall.

Bob Keagy with Australian banteng in 2009.

In any event, after a good deal of feverish review of magazine ads, writing guides, and scrutinizing maps of fabled Wyoming (that near-mythical land of herds and hordes of big game), I settled upon Mr. Everett D. Peterson, of Cokeville Wyoming.

Dad sent Mr. Peterson a check, and to my surprise then offered to let me fly to Jackson Hole--an adventure in itself. I guess he figured it was safer than letting a 17-year old drive the distance alone.

God, though, I was unprepared! I had a .30-06 FN Mauser in a Fajen stock, with a basic Leopold scope, G.I. Combat boots, a heavy coat, blue jeans, and an impossibly swollen ego.

Soon after graduation (a memorable error by the Oakland Public Schools), the "big day" came, and we all went down to Oakland "International" Airport, and checked in to a Frontier flight to Jackson Hole. This was in the days when you carried your rifle into the passenger compartment in a soft case. I remember looking down the aisle, and seeing numerous rifles poking up between passenger's knees- after all, it WAS a flight to Jackson Hole two days before the opening of deer season. I remember looking at all the rifle soft-cases and thinking that it looked like an invasion force.

Mr. Peterson - Everett- picked me up at the Jackson Hole Airport. I was surprised that he wasn't seven feet tall, but instead a wiry, compact man that looked as rock-hard as the coal strata he mined when not guiding.

He drove me to nearby Afton, Wyoming, and a four story hotel, explaining that he would pick me up early the next morning, to go to the hunting area, where he had a remuda of horses.

I do not recall whether it was the second or third day of hunting that found me echeloning across a steep

facing on a game trail, when I heard Everett calling to me. I looked in his direction and saw what appeared to be a four-by-four mule deer coming towards me on a parallel game trail, about one hundred yards below mine. I fired nearly straight down, just over my boot tips, and the deer collapsed in the trail.

Somehow Everett worked a horse up to the deer, loaded it, and then we worked our way down the mountain to a creek at the base. Since he still had other hunters on the mountain, he told me to lead the horse down along the creek to the remuda, and one of the wranglers would dress and skin the deer.

I remember I ran down the trail, leading my weary horse, bursting with pride at, and anxious to show, my prize: my first deer. It proved to be a wide three-by-four, but I didn't care – it was mine.

That night I rode back in the truck to Afton, and my muscles had tightened up all afternoon, as I hadn't been used to so much horseback riding. I remember agonizingly hobbling across the highway to get to the hotel, and thinking what an ignominious end it would be if I got run over because I couldn't creep across out of the way.

The next morning I limped into the restaurant and celebrated with an impossibly expensive five dollar (!) ribeye steak and egg breakfast.

For the Pronghorn portion of the hunt we transferred South to the Kemmerer/Green River area of Wyoming. We saw several Pronghorn en route, and I thought them stunningly beautiful. I still think the Pronghorn is amongst the most handsome of all big game.

Suffice it to say that we threw a stalk on several Pronghorn the next day, but I did not cover myself with glory. The next day, we finally connected with a handsome tall, heavy-horned buck on the first shot, but I missed with two subsequent shots, however the Pronghorn then obligingly expired from the first hit. A classic case of buck fever, and definitely not "Camp Perry" shooting!

Everett gutted the Pronghorn, but since the back of his station wagon was already full of gear, he propped-up the pronghorn on a tarp in the back seat, unnerving other drivers and causing many a "double-take" on the highway back to the meat locker.

I do not recall much of the subsequent return to Jackson Hole Airport, but I know I must have been happy. I cannot, however, say the same for poor Everett, and I guess that the swore to himself to never, ever again have an unaccompanied 17-year old as a client!!

When I returned home, I told Dad how great everything had been (ignoring how sore I had been and my spotty marksmanship), and begging him to mount the deer and Pronghorn trophies. He gritted his teeth yet again and had the two mounted.

Today, both the deer and the Pronghorn remain in my trophy room, and they have stood the test of time, still looking very handsome.

The .30-06 is also still with me. I had it converted to .300 Win Mag. several years after the Wyoming trip, and it proved to be a reliable, accurate rifle. It made many hunts with me, was responsible for a boatload of game, and was "retired" most honorably twenty-five years or so ago.

The main lesson of this experience, however, had little to do with hunting, but a great deal to do with being a father. I learned to respect desires and aspirations, be supportive, and never to reflexively say "no" - after all, you never know what you might nip in the bud!

THIS LITTLE PIGGY CAME HOME – BY JOHN WARE

You may think of a wild boar hunt in Paso Robles area, just 4 hours south of home, as rather pedestrian. Certainly it requires less paperwork, preparation or stress then most any other hunt I could imagine. I choose to make the most of every opportunity small or large, and keep my eyes and ears open to whatever may come. So a quick weekend jaunt to use a hunt I purchased at last years Greater Bay Area chapter fund raiser was quite rewarding.

Bev and I headed south mid-morning on a Friday. Our trip was uneventful but pleasant, made shorter by a mutually interesting "book-on-tape". We had a brief coordinating meet up and test shoot with Chad. It was agreed we'd go check in at a local hotel and return in a few hours to meet our guide at Chad's place, before heading out for the evening hunt. A few hours later, after a brief talk with our guide Tyson and the usual sharing of backstories, we we headed out to the Sky Rose ranch, through a "backdoor" where we could be hunting shortly after getting onto the property.

The obligatory new piece of gear for this trip was a new pair of Sport Camo Electronic Shooting Sports Earmuff, w/ Mossy Oak Break Up camo. We were out till dark, glassing and playing with our new toys, and determined that cranking up the ambient amplification makes the occasional passing mosquito sound like an insect swarm in the Amazon. No pigs were sighted.

The next morning was the requisite wake up in the dark, pack the gear, and get out to the ranch to meet up with our guide. The morning plan was to hunt over barley fields on the other side of Sky Rose, and as we drove in in the dark through the ranch's main entrance, and on through various facilities, barns, housing hay storage and other

structures, it became clear this wasn't a family 160 acre ranch.

We drove out to a remote spot on the ranch and anxiously started glassing the barley fields as the barest hint of dawn revealed them to us. I have no doubt on other mornings you'd see the characteristic black lumps of wild boar in these fields, but it wasn't to be this morning. We went a bit further on to a spot where we could overlook an idyllic valley a few hundred yards below with a wide green field, and a steep slope on the other side. Again, a perfect place to find pigs finishing up their predawn breakfast, but we didn't see them there either. We drove to a new area, and looking back, spotted 3 pigs that were tucked into a corner of the field below we couldn't see from the regular glassing points. Unfortunately by then they had spotted us as well, so they were starting to head out of the field.

After a five minute sprint to get into a good spot, and ill-considered shot I should have passed on at 200+ yards at a pig moving up the opposite slope, we ran back to the truck to take a wild-ride to get around to the next spot where the pigs, now moving at a good clip with gunfire as a motivator, might cross in an opening where a shot would be feasible. Unfortunately they crossed about 500 yards further away than expected, and made a bee-line for some inaccessible, un-glassable deep cover, where they were likely to bed-up for the day. But it was an exciting 15 minutes!

By now dawn had fully broken, but our guide had a few other ideas. We drove a few miles up to a high spot where we could glass a good part of the ranch. That is when we first really figured out how big this place was (Later in post hunt research we discovered Sky Rose was about 20,000 contiguous acres). We were excited to put the spotting scope on some Tule elk a mile off in open grassland.

Suddenly our guide spotted a sounder of pigs at a similar distance in a different direction, and in a moment things went from relaxing glassing and shooting the breeze, to a rush to get back in the truck, and another wild ride. We did find that group of pigs, and put a few failed stalks on them, but nothing quite worked out. When 20-30 pigs run across 75 yards in front of you in a split second, and you have strict instructions not to

shoot a sow, and the guide calls out, shoot the third brown one, it gets the pulse rate up even if there is no chance of a reasonably shot.

On to the next plan. Our guide knew where pigs sometimes bedded during the heat of the day (it is nice to have experienced guides that know the lay of the land). Just maybe we could sneak in on them and find a boar to take. We had a nice 10-15 minute sneak, still-hunting our way slowly into the area. We spotted one large pig sleeping under a tree, but couldn't accurately gauge it as it was in tall grass facing in a bad direction. After 20 minutes of waiting for it to get up, we decided to press the action, first with whistling, then yelling, and finally throwing a rock. Nothing woke the pig, but it did attract several others.

I wish I would have had my bow! A nice boar stood broadside for a moment at about 35 yards, and after getting the green-light from my guide, he was down in his tracks. As Tyson quipped, "It's easy to follow a blood trail when it is a big pool of blood with a pig laying in the middle of it."

Very happy with the boar, we drug him down a hill to a spot the truck could get to, and after a relaxed photo-session, loaded him in the truck and headed back to Chad's. I learned a few new tricks while helping skin the boar and load him into a cooler. And we saw some amazing animals in Chad's taxidermy studio. During the truck rides, glassing, and other slow periods Bev and I were glad to learn a lot from Tyson about his previous occupation and the professional rodeo lifestyle.

After loading up some taxidermy work I was picking up on this trip, Bev and I were headed home by noon. We decided to home-process this boar, using skills taught us by chapter member and donor John McGannon of Wildeats. We aged the quarters for a week, and turned the boar into about 60 pounds of ground pork, hams and ribs. The jaws are still in the freezer waiting maceration and tusk extraction.

I discovered Chad Wiebe, Central Coast Taxidermy, and ultimately Oakstone Outfitters (his hunt outfitting business) through web searching several years ago. I was looking for a taxidermist to handle my Arrow 5 Blacktail, and choose Central Coast Taxidermy. Since then he has handled trophies for me from several continents, ranging from New Zealand Red Stag to Argentinean feral sheep. Chad's always been a honest, hard-working family man who seems to understand the balance between trophy hunting and hunting for fun with a perspective similar to my own. Through the relationship I've tried to help him through recommending him to a few fellow SCI members, and he has also stepped up to the opportunity to get more exposure in the Bay Area by donating various services and hunt opportunities to chapter fund raisers. I would encourage you to approach your own preferred hunting service providers about awareness of SCI activities first, and later donating to the chapter. It can be a win-win, and you'll be guaranteed of something at the fundraiser you want to bid on! For more information on Chad's hunting see http://oakstoneoutfitters.com.

I wanted to share a piece I re-wrote a tiny bit, another voice talking about how important it is to become involved. I got permission from Dave Hurley to share his piece.
–Tom Mattusch

Dave Hurley, from the Outdoor Wire, was fortunate to attend the CIFFI. Inc Blast Wednesday evening at Gone Fishing Marine in Dixon, and the small gathering was able to have uninterrupted contact with the acting Deputy Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Stafford Lehr.

Lehr spoke for nearly an hour and responded to questions from the audience, not dodging any question. Stafford Lehr made a number of important points – first, hunters and fishermen have always depended upon the Department of Fish and Game to look out for their interests, but it is more important than ever that outdoorsmen advocate for their interests and become activists. Those who desire habitat and water for their own interests are packing meetings and paying for high-priced representatives, so it is **essential to become involved**.

Second, the last several years of drought have had a huge effect on California's fisheries, but the artificial fisheries of landlocked salmon, trout, and kokanee can be rebuilt within three to five years if there is enough water.

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Third, striped bass are only one of eight factors resulting in the decline of Sacramento River salmon runs, and there are a number of studies in process regarding mitigation of 'hot spots' throughout the Delta and the Sacramento Delta. The 'hot spots' are man-made structures where striped bass, pike minnows, and other non-native species are able to ambush smolts. The Department of Water Resources exercised their right to take striped bass and other invasive species out of the Clifton Court Forebay, but the DFW would not allow the fish to be destroyed as initially proposed. Bethany Reservoir near Clifton Court Forebay was the solution to allow fishermen to catch these captured striped bass.

Fourth, the state is only releasing 3.8 million of the 18 million salmon smolts through the river systems. The majority of salmon smolts will be released via net pens in the Delta or San Pablo Bay. Fifth, due to the increased water temperatures in the ocean and the Klamath Rivers last summer, the eggs of many female salmon were void, resulting in only 165,000 smolts for inland waters south of Lake Shasta. Since Folsom Lake has the best conditions, 40,000 king salmon will be planted there with 125,000 in Lake Oroville. The five salmon hatcheries are mitigation facilities for the dams built on the rivers, and only excess salmon smolts are released into inland waters.

All inland salmon smolts come from Iron Gate hatchery on the Klamath River. Finally, the department spent 72 million dollars for drought relief, and this is contrasted with the lack of resources and money in the 76/77 and 87/92 droughts. For instance, the electricity bill for the chillers in the American River hatchery to keep the river cool cost over $10,000/ month to operate.

Bottom line – there are a number of complicated issues facing the ability to keep hunting and fishing – we have to get involved, and we really have to get our youth involved as nearly every fishing club is aging rapidly.

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