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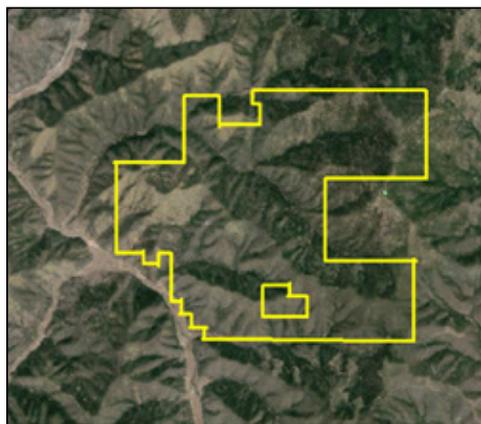
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello SFBA Friends and Family,

I hope your 2016 was filled with more than politics — hasn't it been a crazy year in that forum? The SFBA Chapter and members had another busy year. In total we funded (in whole or partially) 16 projects this year — five humanitarian activities, five education programs, and six conservation projects. These are in addition to our standard programs! Your support is what makes this possible.

Our strong youth education program is led by Buck Buchanan as we get young people out from their electronics and into the real world. Buck has at least one shooting day per quarter; all shooting expenses paid by the Chapter and Buck volunteers his time and travel. After the youth are trained, Buck takes them on their first pheasant hunt. Do you know a youth that should be in the program? Buck is ready for more!

In addition, we supported the Silicon Valley Boy Scouts shooting program and helped to send the state second place NorCal Longshots Sporting Clays Team to national competition in Ohio.

SFBA Sables once again supported the American Wilderness Leadership program, both by sending a teacher to the program and by purchasing a Hands-On Wildlife kit for two local schools.

We have also continued our award-winning Veteran's program (led by Glenn Chrisman) by sponsoring veteran's and disabled hunters' trips. This year we sponsored three hunts and contributed to two others. You'll see more about that in coming issues.

With your contributions of local game, we have donated well over one ton of healthy wild game to various charities throughout the Bay Area. We again celebrated National Hunting and Fishing Day in September by cooking and serving at the Salvation Army Emmanuel House in San Jose; it's our eighth straight year. And our donations to Samaritan House in San Mateo continued both with wild game and warm clothing donations.

Our conservation efforts this year have been varied — and extremely needed in all cases! We enhanced the fencing for protection of elk in the San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve by purchasing and installing approximately 130 fence posts to define elk crossing opportunities. We also took the opportunity to work with Coastside Fishing Club on a fish acclimation net pen to enhance salmon survival and guard against predation by sea lions, striped bass, and sea gulls. This type of work has one of the highest survival rates in the state. We also worked with CA DFW to install deer decoys as part of its out of season anti-poaching efforts. In another anti-poaching project, we supported the Chiredzi River African Wildlife Trust working to educate people in Zimbabwe Lowveld about the dangers of poaching.

Now it's time to look forward to a successful 2017 of hunting, fishing, and enjoying the great outdoors. And to the many events where you can enjoy the company of friends. The annual SCI Convention (the biggest hunting and outdoors show in the world) is again in Las Vegas February 1-4. By the time you read this you should already have all your travel plans made!

This year's annual crab feed will be held January 14, 5:30-8:00pm, at the Burlingame Lions Club Hall. The annual crab feed features the "freshest crab at any crab feed in the Bay Area" and we hope the crab season will continue to support our local crab — however Alaska crab isn't bad either! Make this your annual post-holiday get together! You can register online right now or use the registration form on page 14.

The local SCI Greater Bay Area Fundraiser will be March 4th once again at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City. Boy are the hunts and trips sounding good — see page xx to xx for the latest and register using the form on page 15. Or to find the latest information head over to the GBA fundraiser website ([www.gbafundraiser.org](http://www.gbafundraiser.org)).

When you get that brand new 2017 calendar, be sure to add the Annual Wild Game Dinner in May and Bob Bergstrom BBQ in August— dates will be published shortly! Don't forget to check out our Facebook page – always informative and you can register for activities right there.

Friends, family, hunting, and fishing is where my thoughts are this time of year more than any other and I wish you and yours the best in the coming year.

Robbie Lawson,

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I've been with SCI for a number of years and I try to attend the yearly fundraiser events for the SF Bay Area chapter here in California. Over the years I have been able to win a few hunts during the auction and all have been spectacular. In 2005 I won the California Open Zone tag for deer and harvested a great buck during the late season.

Ever since my 2005 hunt, and my biggest deer to date, I have focused on hunting and harvesting a bull elk. I am an avid archery hunter (since I was a child hunting with my father) and went on several hunts that I won at some of these auctions. Two of them were in Wyoming and one was an amazing hunt in Unit 15 of New Mexico with the "elk whisperer" himself Perry Hunsaker. That trip is a story in itself for another time. Although, I was not successful in bringing home an elk from NM, it was by far the most excited and exhilarating archery hunt I had ever been on.

Knowing that I was on a mission to get an elk, in 2015 Beverly Valdez (SCI) contacted me to let me know Bald Mountain Outfitters (BMO) had donated a couple of bull elk hunts in Wyoming. I certainly was interested so I went to the fundraiser dinner with high hopes of winning one of them. Fortunately, I was successful in



winning a hunt with BMO and began the process of applying in Wyoming to get drawn for the hunt. This time, I was planning to hunt with rifle during the late season. I was not drawn the first year so 2016 was on my mind.

After applying with BMO for my 2016 license/tag, I was successful in the draw and the game was on. I contacted Terry Pollard to let him know I had been drawn and we locked in the last week of the 2016 season bull elk rifle hunt. I received a packet of information that was very detailed and a great source of information to get ready for this high country wilderness hunt. Now, it was time to get in shape, practice with my Ruger M77 Mark II 300 Win Mag and get my gear ready.

This hunt was planned for a high country wilderness area in the Wind River Range. Horseback riding and serious hiking were going to be the theme for every day. I was ready and anxious to get up there and into the back country.

On Oct 21st I set out and drove from

CA to Wyoming, with a quick stop in Utah at Zion National Park on the way (that was awesome!). All of the hunters (10 in all) met at Terry's house on Tuesday the 25th morning to go over the details and get our gear packed up. I was excited that I would be going up to the upper camp (tents) at an elevation of over 9,000'. From there, we would fan out looking for elk. The accommodations, staff, food and horses were all amazing.

The weather conditions at this elevation and above were unseasonably high. Mid 40's during the day (if not hotter) and cool but not really that cold at night. Back in September, Pinedale had a major storm with approximately 18" of snow on the ground in town. That brought many feet of snow in the high country. With the warm conditions over the next several weeks, and while we were there, a majority of the deep snow had melted. The many lakes in the area were large, clear and not frozen over; streams were flowing and there were small waterfalls everywhere. It was like spring; absolutely beautiful! But, that made

## WYOMING ELK HUNT WITH BALD MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS – BY MARC DAVILA

for hard hunting conditions. We were only seeing a few elk here and there and no big groups of animals like years past. The elk bedded down most of the day in this warm weather.

Talk about intense horseback riding! I have ridden a number of horses in my life; and in some pretty steep terrain around CA. Many of my family members are ranchers and I am a committee member for the Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Hayward, CA. I've even competed in some of the local events during our rodeo week. But...I would have never imagined a horse could go where we took them in this wilderness area. The foundation is all rock, there are downed trees like pixie sticks everywhere and all of this is covered with a layer of snow! Add extreme vertical mountain sides, elevation, riding at night, in the rain, crazy steep mountain sides and slippery conditions and you have one extreme combination to ride a horse through. The horses performed amazingly well! My 6 year old mare was awesome and it was fun to spend so much time with her. This was hours of riding everyday and I absolutely loved it.

Although there was one opportunity for the other hunter that was with me and our guide during the first few days, I had only one slim chance on a bull that we tried to go after on foot but he slipped out of a canyon away from us. That was fun!!

On to the excitement and most extreme hunt of my life!

On the fourth day, Oct 29th, I met the hunting group in the mess tent that early morning and Terry let me know that I was going to team up with one of the other hunters that had



riding experience to go after a herd of elk that they had spotted between their base camp and the upper camp. He showed us a map and explained that this was going to be a long, difficult ride to get to them. They were not only between the camps but on the other side of a major canyon. He said, pack up your gear so it could be brought down to the lower camp while we were out and that we would end up at the lower camp that evening and hunt out of there the next few days. So, we got our stuff together, threw on our rain gear (it had rained hard; not snowed) that evening and all night so all the trees were waiting for us to shed their water onto our clothes...

We left on the horses at 7am and followed our guide (Jordan) down the

trail (same guy I had been hunting with the first few days; he is amazing and I cannot say enough good things about him). We skirted the left side of this canyon while looking for the herd. Our guide spotted two herds across this canyon at two elevation levels. One group was lower than us and the other about the same elevation that we were and directly across the canyon. He also spotted two bulls in the group that looked decent. So, we put a plan together to work our way down to a land bridge between two lakes below us and then up the other side to get over that ridge and behind them. This was quite a ride and in many cases we had to lead the horses down through the rocks and brush. There was a trail but it was rough.

Once we got to the bottom, our guide worked out a plan to get us up the other side. This is some steep country, no trail and plenty of obstructions to make for a tough climb to the top and over. Keeping this story short is an effort in itself, but as we ascended on the horses, my horse got to a spot where we were trying to switch back uphill to the left around a dead fall. As she selected her footing, she decided she did not want to go! So, she reared up and back a couple of times, made a step and here we go....sliding down the mountain with a deadfall tree directly under her belly sliding with us. I'm still on the horse and she is trying to hang on and not roll over. This is a steep angle with hundreds of feet to the bottom. My guide was yelling for me to jump off but there is no place to do so. The deadfall tree is just under my left foot and I'm leaning into the hill to help her stay upright.

We slid about 40' and she came to a stop with her rear on the ground and two front legs straight out in front of her; hooves on the ground and dug it. I was able to calm her as I gently stepped off. She and I were ok, just a bit rattled. My guide came down to help get her up and off that tree. All good, I then led her up the hill by her lead rope.

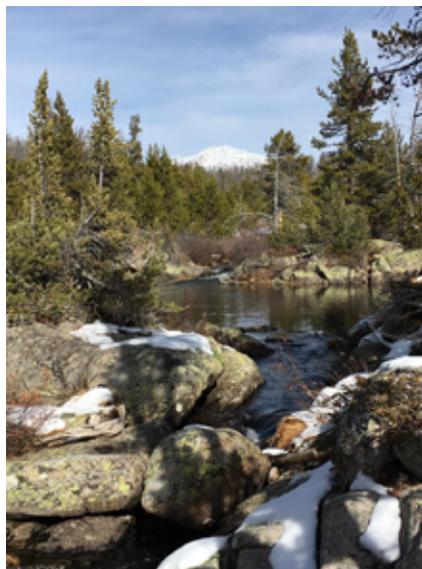
After breaking more brush and finding our way up that mountain; we finally made it to the other side of the ridge near a camp that Terry had hunted with his grandfather when he was a kid. This was about 12:15pm. It was time for lunch, and a little rest for us and the horses.

Our guide went out and scouted to see if the herd was still in the same spot he had seen them at from across the canyon. When he got back we learned that they were there and we put a plan together to go after them. This was a mean canyon that they were in. He explained that this was going to be tough to get on them, find a bull, not get caught by the many eyes of all the elk in the herd and have them bust out; and that it would be a long night especially if we shot one and still had to horse back out of there in the dark for over 2.5 hours to the awaiting truck/trailer to get back to lower camp. We said...Let's go get one!

Since it was the afternoon, I was first up (we tossed a coin for who had first crack that morning; afternoon we would switch). We slowly worked our way around the rocks, shrubs and trees, tied up the horses and snuck down to some lower rocks to get a good vantage point and angle on the herd. We heard a bull bugle

on a ridge down and across from our location. There was a big cow on that ridge line but we did not see the bull. But, we could hear him bugling! Awesome!!! Our guide ranged the cow at 420 yards from our vantage point and was looking for a spot to get closer. There was no way to sneak any closer so we decided to get set up on that rock and wait to spot the bull.

My guide was glassing the spot just below that cow in the tree line. There were two, what looked similar to small ski runs, on the side of the mountain below the ridge she was on. The bull appeared just down and in the left side tree line. "There he is," Jordan said! I was glassing as well but could not see him. He said "there... on the left below her...he's in the sun light now...see him??" I finally did and it was on. I got my rifle lined up....Jordan ranged him at 340yards, it was down hill....he was standing straight uphill looking at that cow and bugling. I had him in the cross hairs but had no shot yet. I said... "I need him to take a step to the right..." and about 30 seconds after that, he did! A big step to the right. Not broadside



but not quarter away. I had him in the cross hairs center mass looking at his fourth rib or so with an exit out his left shoulder if I could hit him. I said...that looks good to me, he said to me too!...I said I'm taking the shot and slowing took off the safety. Now... work on breathing, heart rate (it was pounding!!) and squeeze off a clean shot. BOOM!

I could not see him on the hill side. The cow was still on top of the ridge. My guide spotted him standing in the right side tree line just down from her. He then said...he just laid down. The cow, with another we had not seen before, looked towards him and then ran off to the left towards the lake. My guide went to get the horses we were hopeful he would stay down. He did!

As we made our way down and over to him, I came up the other side of the little ravine and found him piled up around a tree with an antler on each side of it. I was SO excited! My first elk and he was a beautiful 6x5 700-800lb majestic bull. Awesome!

We all did a quick celebration and then my guide took the other hunter to get him set up. We still had shooting light. Not more than 30 minutes after all of this; as I was admiring my bull, I heard BOOM! And then BOOM! And.... Then.... BOOM! three shots just a short distance from me. I was like "really!

## WYOMING ELK HUNT WITH BALD MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS – BY MARC DAVILA

Did he get one too! Did we just shoot a double in one stock?” Here comes my guide all smiles and yes he did. The other hunter (Ed) had shot one too! I could not believe it. We scored two bulls in one stock. His bull was even further down into this rugged canyon. We had to climb down the face of this mountain side, on big rocks and timber in the dark. It was pretty extreme with headlamps on. We found his bull (thank you!) and we celebrated again.

It was a long night getting them field dressed and ready to stay out

overnight. We climbed back up to our horses and led, rode and broke brush out of that canyon and mountain side. Two and half hours later we got to the truck and loaded the horses in the trailer. An hour later we made it to the lower camp. It was about 2:45am on Sunday morning. A 20 hour day I will never forget. What a great way to spend a Saturday night!

Ok...one last thing. This is no joke. That Saturday morning in the mess tent while having breakfast; I said to the group that I was optimistic that we were going to go after these bulls



and we were going to get two! It was of course met with smiles. But hey, guess what? We got two bulls!

## FEED THE HUNGRY

For the 8th year Chapter members donated wild game, cooked, and served meals to those in need at the Salvation Army Samaritan House in San Jose.

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MEMBER PHOTOS



**Top Left:** Joe Bullock – Mexico mule deer. **Top Center:** Dwight Ortmann-Oakstone Outfitters pig. **Top Right:** Rick Berg – 2016 Archery Mule Deer – self guided – Alturas. **Bottom Left and Center:** Pamela and Stan Atwood - Michigan deer.

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**January 14, 2017,**  
Annual Crab Feed  
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**March 4, 2017**  
Annual Greater Bay Area  
Fundraiser,  
Foster City Crowne Plaza

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**Photos this page:** Scott Cornelius hunting with Mike Murray and African Field Sports after his winning bid at 2016 Fundraiser!



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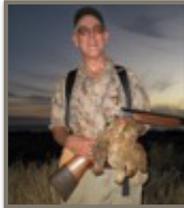


## MEMBER PHOTOS

**Below Photos:** Tom Mattusch on a true African-wide safari hunting in Botswana, Ellisras, and multiple places in South Africa, travelling to three different ranches. Longest trip was an 8 hour drive.



MEMBER PHOTOS



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Board member Buck Buchanan is looking for hunting partners to share future hunts locally and around the world

Let me introduce myself: Buck Buchanan, retired master auto mechanic, age 64 but I think I am 34, avid, in-shape, seasoned hunter. Have hunted in Western US, Alaska, Hawaii, Scotland, and Africa. I am planning on making 2-5 major hunts a year in

the US and abroad. Future plans include at least one African hunt, Alaska, Canada, US, and other other hunts, primarily for big game hunter. But I also enjoy varmint and bird hunting. I will be attending the 2016 SCI Las Vegas convention and our 2017 chapter fundraiser on March 4th and will be researching hunting adventure opportunities. Many of these adventures require 2 or more hunting partners. I enjoy hunting alone but it's more fun hunting with friends. Contact me if you are of like mind set.



There's always time for ...



**The Safari Club  
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**March 4, 2017**

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# **Safari Club International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter**



## **CRAB FEED**



**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

Burlingame Lions Club Hall  
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**\$50/person (8 and under free)**

### Menu

**The Best Crab**

**Pasta, Salad, Garlic bread**

**Dessert, Wine**

**Cocktails (No host bar): 5:30 pm**

**Dinner: 6:30 pm**



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Chad Weibe and the team at Oakstone Outfitters provides fully guided and outfitted hunts on private ranches for wild pigs throughout the year. You can expect to see 20-40 pigs per day, or more, depending on the time of year. Most pigs taken have an average weight of 160lbs. with a few taken every year that exceed 300 lbs. Typical terrain is rolling oak hill sides flowing into brushy canyons where the pigs bed mid day. This hunt is in the California condor range; you must use non-lead ammo.



### **Golf and Fishing Mini-Vacation with Lawson’s Wildlife Adventures**

This is a great mini vacation to the central Northern California area for two people — a 3 day combo fishing

/ golfing trip. Guests arrive the day before to Fall River Mills, California (north of Sacramento) and check in to the Fall River Motel. The hotel has a wonderful cozy restaurant and a fantastic bar. The Fall River Country Club is one of the top 10 courses in California, a very challenging course that can bring even the best golfer to their knees! Fishing will include fly fishing on the Fall River off a 14 ft drift boat and trout fishing in the serene, beautiful Bidwell ponds, one of the most picturesque spots you will ever see!



From the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife, the **2017 Golden Opportunity Deer Tag** allows you to hunt one buck deer throughout California, in any zone, from the second Saturday in July through December 31, using any legal method of take. This is one of the most sought-after hunt tags available. Proceeds go to the CA DFW for use in wildlife management deer programs.

***Learn more about the annual banquet and fundraiser at [gba.fundraiser.org](http://gba.fundraiser.org)***

The 2017 Wyoming chapter hunt with Tim Reich was once again a big success! Five hunters went on the chapter hunt while other chapter members hunted both before and after — almost filling the hunting season! Chapter member Dwight Ortmann has hunted at this working ranch location for over 20 years so you know it has to be good!

Of course, timing of the hunt is critical and the weather is beyond our control. This year it was unseasonably warm as we arrived in the second week of November. There was no snow on the ground and the deer were not yet in full rut but you could tell it was close. However there were plenty of deer to be seen and 3 of the 5 hunters were successful on some beautiful bucks.

Our days started with Tim placing us in what he thought was optimum position for the best opportunities. These stand hunts were for about the first 3 hours of the day. On the first day all of us saw early morning deer. Following the morning stand hunts, we moved to a new location on the ranch where we walked/stalked the deer in an organized driven hunt. Again, we saw several deer that looked to be shooters but could not get an ethical shot off. It was fun to start to develop the skill of judging



and deciding on whether to shoot in an instant. Learning to carry “low ready” rather than comfortably slung over your shoulder. Jumping a buck out of his bed at 10 yards, and getting him in the scope to judge and decide before he disappears into the woods, gets your heart rate up even if he turns out not to be “what you want”.

Following a mid-day break at the Aladdin Cafe, where the food is excellent and reasonably priced, we were back to hunting on the ranch for an evening stand. Again, Tim placed us in locations he thought would be most advantageous for us depending on whether we were looking for whitetail or mule deer. Tim has both whitetail and mule deer along with elk on the property. This year he told us he also had a mountain lion roaming around that has been causing him problems, and kept us on our toes especially when posted up in the evenings.

Morning and evening meals were prepared by Tim’s daughter, Holly,

*“Tim really knows his ranch, animal behavior, and weather tendencies making him an excellent resource on the hunt — there was never a question asked that he couldn’t answer!”*  
—Beverly Valdez

*“The best thing about the chapter hunts is the camaraderie with the other chapter members.”*  
—Buck Buchanan

*“It was great reconnecting with old friends and strengthening bonds with other chapter members. I saw a lot of deer, and got to plan and execute my own stalks once Tim put me into a general location.”*  
—John Ware

who really knows how to cook for hunters! We never had a bad meal and there was no lack of food.

Each day was similar in the planning but we would be at different locations depending on where Tim felt the deer would be. And of course, he was right. On the third morning as I had just gotten to my morning location, I heard BAM! coming from where we had just dropped Rich off. Then I heard another BAM! coming from the direction of Buck. So I knew that morning that we had two deer down — Buck had a great whitetail and Rich had a good mule deer. Buck and Rich both also took a doe later that day. Tony was also successful that evening with both a buck and a doe.

Beverly and I were not as successful. We saw many deer and one evening thought we were going to have a good shot but as we were watching deer come in to feed right in front of us we heard a shot and they scattered. We lost count of how many smaller bucks we saw but



*“The SCI Chapter hunt in Wyoming at the Reich’s Ranch was terrific. Chapter members create a welcome atmosphere of support and friendship to both novice and experienced hunter alike. I highly recommend participating in any SFBA Chapter Hunt. It is sure to be rewarding, memorable experience.”*

–Rich Phipps

*“100 lbs of whitetail venison in the freezer — that says it all!”*

–Tony Puig

good quality free range whitetail or mule deer while having a great time with chapter friends, I would highly recommend putting this on your calendar for 2018. You must register with the chapter and your license application will be done as part of the group for the chapter hunt. Tim also donates a hunt to the chapter for our annual fundraiser in March.

we did see at least one good size buck each day. Beverly had several whitetail opportunities but she really had her mind set for a mule deer. I did have a great encounter where a spike buck came in from 200 yards across an open field, and got to within 10 feet of me, as if he

was coming over to check me out. We were being particularly selective since our freezer was full from a very busy hunting year!

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It was the last weekend of deer season in California, and sure enough success was just up the road. My dad, two of his friends, and I were loaded up ready for a weekend of deer hunting in Mendocino, California. Just as we drove up the road to drop a hunter off, we spotted a buck grazing along the vast hill side.

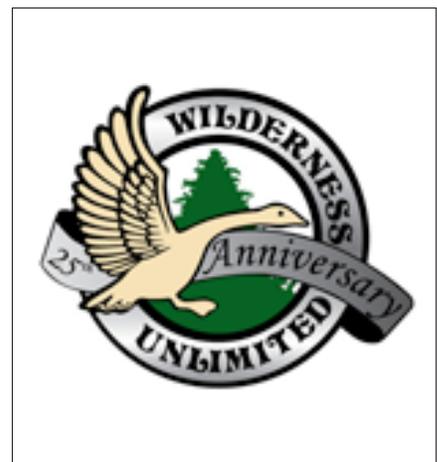
We immediately stopped the car, got our guns, and found a sturdy shooting stance. I used shooting sticks and crouched down. My dad used his binoculars and said it was a good one. I peered into the rifle scope and saw a magnificent deer in my cross hairs. I took a deep breath, and calmed myself before taking the shot. I slowly eased off a shot from



231 yards away. The deer flinched and jumped, slowly bedding down into a thick mass of tall grass. I had to get another shot off to kill this buck. So I went just up the road and spotted the deer. I crouched down once again and squeezed off another shot, dropping my first California buck.



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Oct 1 was opening day of the deer season in an area of eastern Wyoming where I've hunted over 20 times in the past 25 years. Almost every year I've succeeded in taking either a muley or a whitetail buck in about equal numbers. But it's been slim pickins in recent years because of a prolonged drought and a string of very hot summers which helped to precipitate an outbreak of three diseases which hit both deer and antelope populations very hard. So we went elsewhere in 2013 and 2015 but decided to go back to our old haunts near Douglas again this year on word that deer populations were making a modest comeback. Besides, we know two ranches very well and were anxious to see old friends. Another attraction is that antelope season also opens Oct 1 in a nearby area where we always fill our tags.

When September slowly rolled around, I felt a surge of enthusiasm to return to an area I know so well and which has produced many wonderful memories, some very nice trophies, and lots of excellent meat. I also began to focus (i.e. obsess!) on the memory of having unexpectedly seen the biggest whitetail buck in 2014 that I'd ever seen in that area. My plan to ambush him hadn't worked and darkness fell without getting a shot. However, I had discovered where he lived in heavy cover along the Platte River and began fervently hoping I'd see him again this year. He'd be two years bigger and I now had a different and much better plan in mind to put him on the wall. As the fantasy grew, the days seemed to pass even more slowly until our flight would depart SFO on September 29. I knew for sure where I'd take a stand with a better field of fire the evening of October 1 and could hardly wait. I wasn't going to wait until he got to his favorite alfalfa field like I had before. I was going to intercept him en route while there was still good light. And, I had already decided



where I was going to hang the beautiful shoulder mount of my best-ever whitetail. Yeah, right!!! Instead, I should have remembered what Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, had to say about “the best laid plans of mice and men going astray”. He should have said “..... of mice and Glenn”.

Then, a week before leaving for Wyoming my rancher friend, Rob, emailed me saying “look at what just showed up!!! Attached was a photo of a beautiful muley on high alert in a patch of tall dry grass. He went on to say that he'd seen him a couple times at night when bailing hay, then happened upon him in daylight and quickly took the cell phone photo. Rob also speculated on where he thought the buck called home. I knew it well. It was a long rocky ridge with great

views, protective air currents, hard to approach hiding places, and a “back door” escape route that I've seen many deer use over the years. That entire area of the ranch is extremely open with very few places to conceal oneself, so if I was fortunate enough to get a shot it would likely be a long one. So be it. My friends and I have all had to make a few barrel-stretching long shots over the years. Rob closed his email by saying “he's the best muley I've seen in several years”. While not a Boone and Crockett class monster, he clearly was a tall and very fine symmetrical 4x4 with deep forks all around.

Whenever possible we fly to Wyoming two days before opening day in order to determine areas the deer are using and pattern their early morning and evening movements. So, with our September 29th flight arriving Casper in late afternoon, we decided to drive directly to the ranch in hopes of doing some spotting before dark then check into the motel later. With maybe 20 minutes of light left I rolled to a stop overlooking some cut-over alfalfa fields. Almost immediately, Frank, my good friend

and sharp-eyed hunting partner, spotted a deer moving through the near darkness several hundred yards away. I picked him up in my binocs and immediately recognized him from his photo. He didn't like our intrusion and quickly disappeared. But our enthusiasm soared. He was still on the ranch and only 800-900 yds from where Rob had taken his picture. A big alfalfa "salad bar" and a nearby water source was keeping him in the neighborhood. Early the following morning we spotted him again. He was many hundreds of yards away in a different direction but, so what, he was still on that part of the ranch. That evening I watched from a big haystack where I could monitor almost 360 degrees around. Nothing. I couldn't help but wonder if he'd gotten uneasy and moved to a completely different area. Then, at last light, I spotted him maybe 600 yds away, very cautiously stepping out of some tall grass and weeds into the alfalfa and then slowly traversing the far edge of that huge field until disappearing ghost-like into the gloom of night. None of the sightings would have presented anything but a moving "Hail Mary" shot, a shot I would not have taken for fear of crippling and probably losing a trophy animal.

During the forenoon of this day we had scouted the ranch but saw very little except Rob's "exhibition herd" of 20 doe antelope plus a handsome and obviously "hard working" buck. The herd consisted of 13 does and 7 fawns. The other 6 fawns had all been killed and eaten probably by golden eagles when younger and smaller. That's the way the food chain works folks. Happens to young fawns every year



in eagle country. Bald eagles also prey on deer and antelope fawns but aren't as tough and aggressive as goldens.

When the sun was fully up that morning I had made a bee line to where I'd seen that exceptional whitetail buck two years earlier. I was going to work my "new plan" the following evening for sure if I didn't get lucky on opening morning. However, to my great disappointment, the situation had completely changed. The two lush fields of alfalfa and oats that my dream whitetail had depended on two years ago now lay fallow. There was hardly enough food there to support a family of jack rabbits. My two year fantasy of waylaying that big buck simply evaporated. I carefully looked around but didn't find a single set of fresh tracks. Deer had obviously abandoned that area. Simply put, no food = no deer. Now the question hung in the air. Where should each of us position ourselves the following morning to hopefully get a reasonable shot at the "celebrity" muley or some other shooter buck ?? I was pretty deflated and simply didn't have

a promising "Plan B" for myself. Frank, however, was keen on the idea of setting up his little one man pop-up blind approx 200 yds from a small pool at the end of an irrigation canal that's well used. His blind had worked well in recent years in other locations and had accounted for 3-4 whitetail bucks. Of course we didn't know it, but it was destined to work well again, but in a different location.

As usual, I didn't sleep well the night before opening day and was very sluggish the following morning. Three cups of coffee and breakfast helped fix that. Then, off we went on the lengthy drive to the ranch. I headed for the big haystack from which Frank hiked carefully to his blind perhaps 400 yds away trying to keep high ground between himself and the water hole. I glassed and glassed in every direction until my eyeballs ached ..... but to no avail. There simply was nothing in sight in any direction for either of us. I couldn't help but wonder if this would turn out to be another one of those situations where a good buck, or multiple bucks, had been frequently seen until just before opening day, and then flat disappear until the season was over. Little did I know how quickly our fortunes would change.

We gave it another futile hour of glassing empty fields and then decided to scout another area of the ranch before heading for an adjacent ranch with completely different terrain and some dramatic geological formations plus open range land. I love to hunt in those big buttes, but we never got there. I made a big loop and then finally swung onto a ranch road that would lead to the

main highway a couple miles away. As we slowly began to parallel the previously mentioned rocky ridge, Frank suddenly exclaimed ... STOP!!! THERE HE IS !!! ... or something like that. I quickly began glassing a higher slope leading up to the skyline perhaps 250-300 yds away. LOOK TO YOUR LEFT AND MUCH CLOSER!!! Frank urged. Suddenly the lenses of my binocs were filled with the “celebrity” muley. I could hardly believe it, but grabbed my rifle and stepped into a shooting position while chambering a round in my 25-06 built up on a fine Mod 98 action. With Winchester Super-X ammo and their superb 120 gr Positive Expanding Point (PEP) bullet, this rifle delivers MOA accuracy and had already accounted for 26 pronghorns, mule and whitetail deer plus a gorgeous Gold Medal springbok in Namibia nine years ago. Would that fine mule deer glaring laser-like straight at me become Number 27 ? I had to act very fast and do it right.

He was standing well above us behind some tall green grass and weeds with only his head and neck showing. He was only 80 yds away!!! but was really “wired” and ready to explode out of there at warp speed. I instantly thought of an off hand frontal chest shot by shooting through that screen of vegetation. But, simultaneously, I realized the quick-opening PEP bullet moving at nearly 2900 fps would likely blow up on that thick green stuff and probably only wound him. Even at 80 yds, a neck shot is tricky so I steadied myself next to the truck and squeezed the lightly set trigger. I heard the bullet hit just below his chin and

the buck dropped instantly behind the tall thick cover. After we got up to him we discovered he’d been bedded in a depression surrounded by tall vegetation and next to a small irrigation canal. If he hadn’t stood up we never would have even suspected he was there ..... and I would never have looked there. I think he was the first deer I’d ever seen in that location. My watch read 8:10AM. How quickly fortunes can change. My “BEFORE” experience with this buck had only been a mesmerizing email photo that I’d looked at dozens of times. Happily, the “AFTER” experience was posing for photos with the best muley I’ve taken in years. What are the chances of that!!!! He’ll wonderfully fill the wall space I was saving for that big whitetail who, to be sure, will always be locked in the photo album of my mind available for instant recall.

After field dressing and loading him into the truck (with help from a ranch hand!) Frank decided to move the blind to a different location where he’d seen several does jumping the fence onto Rob’s ranch and heading for some lush alfalfa the previous evening. We quickly made the move, then headed to the meat processor and lunch in Douglas. Late that afternoon Frank slipped into his blind about 150 yds from a corner in the fence line hoping a good buck would show up before dark. I moved back to the haystack where I could keep a long distance eye on things with a spotting scope and binocs. Time passed, then with shadows growing longer I spotted a small group of muley bucks emerge from the sagebrush, jump the fence and then

angle down a long slope in Frank’s direction, but behind him. The instant I picked up the little pocket radio to alert Frank I heard him fire. He had hit a different buck, a very good three pointer, I hadn’t even spotted. It surprisingly got back up and took off, but was obviously hard hit. It was completely dark by the time we found him and much too late to take him to the meat processor, so we hung him in the barn overnight. We skinned and bagged him so he would chill out quickly and be protected, and then had a late dinner back in Douglas. Helped by a bottle of good wine we celebrated a great and successful day that was full of surprises and mutual good fortune ..... and an emotional roller coaster to say the least. The next day we easily filled our antelope tags with “meat bucks”, then became tourists for a couple days, visiting some historic “old west” sites, the wonderful Trails Museum in Casper, having dinner with friends, and driving into the mountains SW of Douglas to enjoy stands of quaking aspen in their blinding fall colors of yellow and gold with the Laramie Peaks as a backdrop. What a sight!

In every way, it was a great trip, truly one of the best, with some unique new experiences to long remember and, for this old hunter, to be very thankful for.

In late April 2016 I got the news — I was drawn for an elk hunt in New Mexico Unit 16a, one of the best units in the world for elk! What?!!? This is one of the hardest units to draw for out of state hunters. I was stunned... and extremely lucky! John, my hunting partner, had put me in for the elk tag and never expected to get it this soon! Almost everyone I spoke with had been trying to get this tag for years.

But now I had to plan on finding an outfitter, start a getting-in-elk-shape routine for the summer, figure out which rifle I would use (or did I need a new one?) and make plans for the travel. Hunting big game is a lot of work just to get ready!

Two days later, one of my questions was resolved when I won a new rifle at a fundraiser for California Wild Sheep Foundation — it was a .280 Ackley Improved “Kimber Mountain Ascent” with a Zeiss Conquest HD5 scope! This was a perfect firearm for any big game but especially sheep and certainly elk.

Then I started interviewing outfitters for my hunt. There are a lot of them in New Mexico and I spoke (via phone or email) with most of them at least once. I had several people give me recommendations and eventually signed up with the one that I felt



most comfortable with - Jim Welles of JFWRC spoke with me many times, giving me good advice and introducing me via phone calls to the guide I would be hunting with (Jordan Hall). We had a good personal connection that felt right.

Jordan works for the USFS in the Gila National Forest and throughout the summer and early fall I was in contact with both him and Jim — they sent me photos of elk they were seeing around the area and gave me plenty of good advice on what to bring.

All summer I was at the range practicing one or two days a week. Quite often Buck Buchanan, the SFBA Cubs Chair and Hunter Education instructor, was with me. He offered invaluable insights into hunting longer ranges and higher altitudes, which I was certainly going to need. My hunting partners and friends also accompanied me on many trips. Josh Peixoto (JP Guide Service) invited me to come to his ranch, where he had a 300 yard target for my final practice.

As you can tell, “it takes a village” to properly prepare for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt like this.

Finally, the dates arrived! John and I decided to drive since we would be bringing a considerable amount of meat home (well, we were thinking positively). That meant two days of driving to get to our meeting place in Reserve, NM. Reserve is a small town but when we got there it was booming with plenty of hunters! We had been smart and made reservations at a local place to spend the night before heading out to our elk camp — the few motels in the area were certainly all booked up!

The next morning we met Jordan for breakfast at Ella’s Cafe in Reserve — a great little diner. He had already been out scouting and, since he works in the area for the USFS all summer, he knows the region really well. He’s a young guy and tall so I immediately remembered my many hunts with guides that are tall and young — and how I could never see what they saw! Or keep up with them on stalks. But



Jordan and I had talked about this and he was well aware that the one plus foot height that he had on me would make a difference in the field.

It was about a three hour drive out to the elk camp. Our camp was at N Bar Ranch. The N Bar is right in the middle of the Gila National Forest and hunt units 16a, b, and d. The cabins were warm and dry, clean, and ready to welcome us. Preston, the owner of this working ranch, cooked breakfast and dinners for us each day and we packed lunches to take out hunting from a variety of supplies he provided. He was a personal and venerable cowboy and over the meals he told us stories of the history of the area and the ranch. A second hunter, Marty, was also in camp and that made it more fun as well.

Hunting days started early as it always does. The weather was unusually warm and we all assumed that would make for a harder hunt; and it did. Instead of heading up the to the mountain ridges early in the day, the elk were



staying low until late in the day. An hour of driving followed by hiking for several hours got us into a good point where we could look out across a bowl and to ridges on either side. We started glassing.

We saw 5 elk bulls over the course of the first day. Some were out of range heading the wrong way and others looked young so no shooters. As we were hiking out near dark we saw another 3 smaller bulls on the opposite ridge.

As the light was fading and we were hiking out, we saw a large bull coming down from the top of the ridge we had been watching most of the day. I watched it slowly meander down and I paused to look at him again and again, debating whether the light was good enough to take a shot but it would have been a very long shot at dark so I thought my opportunity for him was gone. But, he was going down and towards the point we had been at all day, as though he would be waiting for me the next day. We discussed him at length that night and wondered if we would get to see him again.

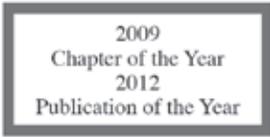
The day dawned and we went back to the same location. Just as we got to the point, Jordan said "There he is..." I looked and there were three bulls right across the ravine, making

their way up the hillside. I could tell immediately which one Jordan was talking about — he was by far the biggest in body and, although his head was down, his antlers looked massive to me!

So, now all the work comes into play for that one moment when the world stops and you are the star of your own movie. Quickly Jordan got his backpack into position and I set my sights on the bull. My breathing was quick and my heart was pounding more than I had ever experienced in hunting; maybe that was the high altitude but it didn't help! I looked at the bull and calmed myself down to remember to breathe and squeeze the trigger ever so gently. After he was down, I was shaking so much that I thought I would fall and meet him at the bottom of the ravine!

It was the second day, by 8:30am and I had my first elk ever down. Now the real work started as we made our way down and up to get to him and then get him field processed and packed out. He's a fine old warrior, a 7x8 with two broken tines. We were in a very inaccessible area so the pack out was on foot — and it was almost entirely Jordan. As we were packing out we saw more bulls, but none of them as big as my bruiser.

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