



## 2006 Convention season is near

It's a busy time of year! The holidays are right around the corner and then, before you even realize it, it's convention time. There is so much crammed into such a short amount of time! That makes today the perfect time to register for the events you'll be attending.

If you haven't registered yet for the National Convention, it's easy to do on the web site at <http://www.safariclub.org/> or by calling 888-746-9724.

And don't forget to register for our own chapter "Gathering at the Waterhole" fundraiser and auction. You'll find a registration form on page 23. Registering early means that you'll get all the great bonuses of an 'early bird' registration. Learn more about what's in store at the fundraiser on page 12.

You'll also find membership forms and a hunt report form -- all starting on page 19.



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- **International Sportsman Expo**  
January 12-15, 2006, San Mateo
- **National convention**  
January 18-21, 2006, Reno NV
- **2006 Fundraiser**  
March 4th, Crown Plaza , Foster City
- **Awards and Big Game Feed**  
May 13th, Flames Restaurant, San Jose
- **Board of Directors Meetings**  
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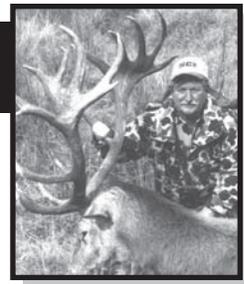
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# President's Message



By Jim Peters

**D**ear Members;

## FREE TICKET & FREE PARKING FOR THE SAN MATEO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Since you are probably going to the International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) show anyway, how about having some fun spending time in our booth in the 'Hunting Hall'? We were also able to get the large **Sensory Safari** trailer, chock full of taxidermy animals, to stop at the show (see page 5). The Sensory Safari trailer will be in the 'Sport Fishing and Travel Hall'. The ISE show will be at the San Mateo Fairgrounds from January 12th to the 15th.

We need as many members as possible to staff either the hunting booth or the sensory safari trailer. We'll pay your admission and parking in return for spending three hours working in one of the booths. Call our office at (650) 697-6538 to reserve booth time and get your free tickets.

It's always important to show your support of hunting and this year is no different. We know you want your friends and neighbors to join! Now's the time to give them a membership form (see page 20 for a new member form). We have partnered with Cabela's to give you a \$50 gift certificate for each new member you sign up at the \$55 national level (page 18 has the Cabela's coupon). **This offer expires on 12/31/05.** There is plenty of "good stuff" in their catalogue to spend your gift certificate, both before and after Christmas.

Our San Francisco Bay Area Chapter can't let the holiday season go by without some type of a good deal for our friends in the Bay area. We are offering new chapter members a one year membership for \$20. This San Francisco Bay Area Chapter special offer will last through the end of February 2006.

But **WAIT**, for every new member you sign up, we will enter your name into a special drawing for a gun to be given away at the Awards and Big Game Feed on May 13th. Wouldn't membership be a great gift idea for someone on your list?

I don't know what else we can do to get every one of us out there explaining the benefits of membership in SCI and getting our friends, relatives, and like-minded Bay area people involved. We need large numbers of members to protect our hunting rights. We must pay attention, protect our hunting rights, and proactively educate people about the importance of hunting. Proposition 'H' is a wake up call that could be in every city around the Bay not just San Francisco. SCI is currently working with the NRA to get this proposition reversed but we need to take action by increasing our members! Politicians will only listen to us if we have a large membership that can potentially vote them out of office. Our fate is in our hands. Get new members now!

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Jim Peters

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# The Sables Miombo Corner

Are you a Sables member? Sables are leaders in wildlife education to preserve the hunting heritage worldwide. Sables women and men help advance outstanding programs that instill a love of the outdoors and respect for nature. Join Sables today — see the membership form at on page 21.

The Sables December social is scheduled for December 11th. Any and all are welcome to our meetings. Contact President Annette Peterson (ladydartagnan@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITIONS

THE WEST'S LARGEST FISHING, HUNTING, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR-SPORTS SHOWS



**2006 INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO, BAY AREA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR SHOW, ANNOUNCES NEW DATES, CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

San Mateo, CA

The 30th annual Bay area International Sportsmen's Exposition will feature the strongest lineup of celebrities, exhibitors and special events and features in the show's history!

Special celebrity guests include Lefty Kreh, Mel Kreiger, Valentine Atkinson, and Dez Young.



**WHERE:** San Mateo County Expo Center

**WHEN:** January 12-15, Thursday through Sunday

**HOURS:** noon until 8p Thurs.-Fri.; 10a-7p Sat.; 10a-5p Sun.

**TICKETS:** \$12 adult; youth 12 and under enter for FREE

**VOLUNTEER!** Contact the office at 650-697-6538.

## Sensory Safari™

San Francisco Bay Area Division of Sables will be hosting a Sensory Safari in conjunction with the **International Sportsmen's Exposition in San Mateo, California, January 12-15, 2006**. This is the same Sensory Safari van on display at our National convention every year. Thanks to the generosity of Mary Lynn West and Orange County SCI, we are able to host the Sensory Safari van in San Mateo prior to it heading to Reno for the SCI National Convention.

The International Sportmen's Exposition includes the West's largest fly-fishing exhibition and encompasses seven huge buildings, including a Hall of Sportfishing & Travel and two Halls of Hunting.

SFBA Sables and members of the SFBA SCI chapter will be manning the Sensory Safari van in the Hall of Sportfishing & Travel in addition to a booth in one of the Halls of Hunting dedicated to SCI and our local chapter.

This is a great opportunity for individuals unable to attend convention or have never been to a Sensory Safari to experience it firsthand. Come by and see us!

We are also looking for **volunteers** to staff the Sensory Safari van during the show.

If you would like to be part of this truly rewarding experience, please contact Cathie Nelson via email (2bliss@msn.com) or telephone (650) 368-4530.

## The Lost Cape Bush Buck

by Ron Machado

**J**une 21

First thing this morning, my PH, Mynhard Herholdt of John X Safaris, and I drove into Grahamstown where we met Johan Dreyer, also a PH, and his lady friend, Mary Jean. They led us out to a farm on the far side of Port Alfred. This farm is located on the Indian Ocean, and the views from the bluffs above the family home are spectacular. On the property is a stone structure built in 1880. It was built as a beacon for ships bound for Ports Alfred and Arthur. Sorry to say the ports never opened, but the structure still stands in remarkably sound condition.

I met the owners of the ranch, John and Elizabeth Ford, and their lovely two-year-old daughter, Sara. The Fords are accomplished horse people and directed our hunt from horseback. I joked to Mynhard about hunting from horseback and received “The look.” Well, no horseback hunting this trip.

We did a few stalks and managed to get within 10 yards of a mature bushbuck, but we were

unable to get a shot due to the heavy cover. On one stalk, we were concentrating so hard on one bushbuck, that we never saw the second one that barked and blew our cover.

After the morning hunt, we drove in to Port Alfred to meet Johan and his friends for lunch. After a pleasant lunch at a restaurant on the river, we were back on the road to the second ranch we were to hunt that day. Wendell and Anne Muir own this ranch.

Driving up to the Muirs’ ranch, we see a pickup at the side of the road. Turns out, it’s Wendell and he’s waiting for us. He had spotted a “magnificent bushbuck.” His words. He and Mynhard talked for several minutes, before I was informed that we would drive to the backside of the hill and do a stalk on the bushbuck. Wendell would direct us with hand signals, if necessary.

Over the next 45 minutes, we managed, moving slowly, being careful where we placed our feet, to get within three to four yards of the bushbuck. While we could see movement from the bushbuck, we were unable to take a shot due to the heavy cover. The bushbucks did not see or scent us. They got up and moved away slowly. I am sure that they sensed something was wrong. We could not find an open shooting lane for a shot. We walked back to our truck and drove back to Wendell. He told us that he had never seen anyone get that close to a mature bushbuck. The complement was great, but I would have loved the

Ron Machado and waterbuck



chance to take a shot.

The rest of the day was spent watching a clearing where several bushbucks normally showed late in the day. Sorry to say, they did not use it this evening.

On the drive back to the lodge, Mynhard told me that he would need to return to Vanderkloof the next morning. I was to hunt with Rick Van Jyl, one of the owners of Lalibela, for the remainder of my hunt.

**J**une 22

I will be going out with Rick and his tracker, Teckie, this afternoon. Rick and Teckie have been together for the past 18 years. Neither has hunted for the last several years. Teckie is retiring, and this will be his last hunt. It was a pleasure hunting with him. Hopefully, it was a great last hurrah. Leaving in the

afternoon gave me a chance to have more than coffee and rusk for breakfast. Today, I got to eat with the nonhunters in camp. Our breakfast consisted of real scrambled ostrich eggs and a hash made with warthog, potatoes and onions, eland sausage, and stewed tomatoes. Top that off with coffee and juice. What a pleasant way to start the day.

Rick, Teckie, and I left around 3:00 p.m. today. We were on our way to the Muirs'. Rick's plan was to "climb to the top of the hill and see what is on the other side." Actually, we planned to drive around and get the lay of the land. Rick had never been to the ranch. After all of the proper introductions were done, we drove around the ranch so that Rick would feel good about coming back for a hard hunt.

Late in the evening, we drove around Lalibela, taking photos of the animals. There is no hunting on the reserve. The only shooting is done with cameras. The animals almost pose for you.

**J**une 23

Today, we will be going back to the Muirs' for the "hunt." I have hunted for bushbuck on this trip as well as my last hunt, and while I have gotten close, I have not taken a shot. Luck does pay a big part in hunting. Heading out early this morning after a light breakfast, we make our way to the Muirs'. Rick told the kitchen workers last evening not to prepare lunch for us. He will take me to a restaurant in Port Alfred. It is one of his

favorites. I know, the hardship of hunting in Africa.

Once at the Muirs', we spot the bushbuck that we saw the day before. Rick felt that he would stay there, if not disturbed. Wendell told Rick about another bushbuck that beds down near a large water hole. Rick wanted to see and try for him, if he is as big as Wendell says.

We make our way to the water hole and after a short time, spot the bushbuck. We will try for him. He is big. Dropping below a rise in the ground, we move up the hillside. As we reach a spot we feel is across the bushbuck, we ease over the rise. Rick spots him first; it takes a few minutes for me to see him. The bushbuck is about 75 yards away and bedded down. Once I see him, I try to get the cross hairs on his shoulder. For some reason, I don't feel right with the shot. The bushbuck looks blurry. I am not sure of the shot and tell Rick. He looks through his binoculars and cannot see anything wrong. I feel the shot is not right and tell him again. Rick looks at me and tells me to stay where I am and moves off. After several minutes he motions me forward, and again, I do not feel comfortable with the shot. Both of us move down the hillside and try to get into a position where we can see and take a shot below the bushbuck. By now, the bushbuck has gotten nervous and has started to move off. Rick tells me that we need to move off this animal and try another. We did walk up to where the bushbuck was, and a low clump of grass was between

the animal and me. I am sure that this small clump of grass was why the bushbuck looked blurry. I may have been able to make the shot, but I could have missed or wounded the bushbuck as well. Rick and I were disappointed but knew that my decision was the only one we could have made.

Once we returned to the ranch house, Rick told me that we would take a break and drive into Bathurst and go to the Giant Pineapple. It's an old barn on a pineapple farm that was converted into a restaurant. Both of us have the African sampler plate. Very nice.

## Cubs Shooting Schedule

For more than ten years the SF-Bay Chapter has fostered youth hunters with shoots and safety classes. Don't miss one of these upcoming dates. The chapter pays the cost of ammo and targets for the youth.

December 10, 2005, 0900 hrs.  
Metcalf Range, rifle shoot

January 21, 2006, 0900 hrs.  
Coyote Valley Sporting Clays,  
shotgun shoot

RSVP to Bob Bergstrom at  
650-207-0591 or via email at  
bergie257@hotmail.com.

Muir's tracker shows himself and the bushbuck bolts off. There is never a shot offered. As the day draws to an end, we drive around the ranch and over a ridge where Rick tells the driver to stop, for no apparent reason, and bails out to his right. Rick says for me to follow him. We crest this knoll and look into a valley. Below,

At the sound of my shot, Rick yells, "He's down," then, "Great shot."

Teckie said, "Right through the shoulder."

It was getting dark quickly. We race back to the truck and down the hillside to the area that held my bushbuck.

lodge. Wendell told me that he would have a tracker out at first light to check on my bushbuck. Even with that and Rick telling me that it was a good shot, I am troubled. While there is always a chance to wound an animal, it's not something that I want to do. Early the next morning, we will make our way back to the Muirs'.

**J**une 24

I am up early this morning and on the road to the Muirs' by 7:00. Mark Rippon, Rick's partner, is with me. At the ranch, we drive into the courtyard and are greeted by Wendell. He invites us in for coffee and rusk. Nothing mentioned about the bushbuck.

I guess the blank look on my face softens his heart, and he says, "Oh, we found your bushbuck five meters from where you stopped searching."

I asked him twice, "You found him? You found him?"

"Yes," he said. "Now, let's have some coffee."

It was drizzling this morning, but the sun was shining in my heart. After coffee, we walked out to the skinning shed to see my bushbuck. A beautiful secretive creature that just got unlucky.

If you enjoy the outdoors, visit my website at, [www.campfire-sandfriends.org](http://www.campfire-sandfriends.org).



Ron Machado and the missing bushbuck

there is a mature bushbuck walking across the meadow some 200 yards in front and 75 yards below us. Rick tells Teckie to sit down in front of me and for me to take a shot off his shoulder. That is, if the bushbuck stops and offers a shot. I have never done this and am really nervous.

Teckie sits down and says, "Ron, take the shot."

I place the Encore on his shoulder. Looking through the scope, I can see the bushbuck walking closer to us. The bushbuck stops broadside out around 180 yards, I place the cross hairs just below his back line with the vertical line across his front leg, and squeeze the trigger.

As we drove down the slope to where the bushbuck was, Rick said, "He did get up once. Not sure if he stayed up."

We stopped the truck and in the fading light moved toward the spot where we last saw the bushbuck. As darkness spread through the valley, I saw the bushbuck. He was walking very slowly, into the thick brush, and disappeared. I could hear a crashing and thrashing in the thickets but was unable to see anything.

Rick told me, "It's time to go back to the ranch house. We'll see what happens tomorrow."

After a "sundowner" with the Muirs', we drove back to the

## A Young Hunter's First Report

by JP Puette

**T**his summer, Bob finally decided our 9-1/2 year old grandson, Austen Sheppard, was responsible enough to begin teaching him to hunt. Austen has several hunting and fishing games and loves to fish at Rancho Don Roberto where he lives with his mom, so he has developed some knowledge of types of fish and game and also improved his hand-eye coordination.

Bob started Austen's "real" hunting education at the rifle



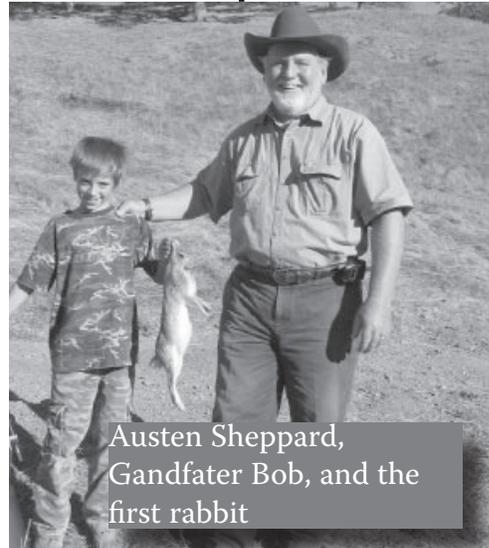
Austen Sheppard and squirrels

range under close supervision and was pleased that Austen was a good listener and followed his grandfather's safety instructions.

**A**fter three hours at the range one Friday afternoon in August, Bob agreed to take Austen squirrel hunting on Saturday. After a hearty breakfast, grandparents Bob and JP Puette, grandson Austen Sheppard, and ranch manager, Jared Craver, headed out in search of ground squirrels. Bob carried a Ruger .22 for Austen, JP took her Ruger.22 Mag, and Jared carried a camera.

The squirrels were wary and it was hard to get Austen in position with one shell in the chamber and Grandfather just behind and several squirrels lived to tell the story. However, after getting used to looking through the scope and firing in the field, Austen got a couple of squirrels, but they retreated to their holes so we had no trophies. Then, near the HQ gate, a rabbit made the mistake of showing himself.

### AUSTEN ASKED, "CAN WE GO AGAIN TOMORROW?"



Austen Sheppard, Grandfather Bob, and the first rabbit

Austen knelt on one knee to steady the shot and got his first trophy – a cottontail. Then, down by the winter horse pasture, a ground squirrel darted around a fence post

and Austen got a clean shot to the head that dropped the squirrel like a sack of coal.

**H**e was pretty happy that day with four squirrels and one rabbit and a lot of solid information on hunting and safety. When we got back to HQ, Austen thanked his grandfather and asked, "Can we go again tomorrow?" Bob smiled and nodded.

I just started thinking that this is how a life long love of hunting begins, a young person going out for the day with a parent or grandparent. The other thing I thought about was to hope Austen is lucky enough to find a wife who enjoys hunting, too.

## Hunt in Mongolia

By Ilah Uhl

**J**im bought this hunt with Can-Asia Expeditions at the 2004 San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Fundraiser.

We arrived in Mongolia and from the Airport we had a 5-hour drive to the camp. This drive was the most horrible drive I have ever been on. You start out on “paved” roads in town that have potholes and cracks all over. Then you go to dirt roads with lots of rocks, then to no roads, only fields, rocks and streams. I was sure I had whiplash several times.

Our camp was nestled in between two mountains with a stream flowing by. We stayed in a Ger. (Fancy tent). There were two beds shoved together which we used sleeping bags on top. There was a table, 2 chairs, stove and a sink with a plunger that you used to wash up or brush your teeth. The bath facilities was an outhouse with a “squat toilet” about 100 feet from the Ger.

The cook, Otgoo, brought us a hot bowl of delicious soup before we crashed for the night. We had been warned of the terrible food in Mongolia but our

IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WILL NEVER FORGET ... AND HOPE NEVER TO DO AGAIN.

cook turned out to be a great cook and we enjoyed the meals.

They woke us at 5:30 a.m. to dress and eat breakfast to be ready at 6 a.m. We started up between the two mountains riding horses led by the Guides. It turned out that we spent about eight hours on the horses this day. For someone who hasn't ridden horses for over 20 years it was not an easy thing on the body. Especially going up steep mountains over millions of rocks. This area had more rocks than I have seen in my whole life.

The mountains were very steep. Sometimes I looked straight down from my horse and each time he took a step, rocks would fly. I was sure that I was going to die in Mongolia. After about two hours we got off and walked up the rest of the mountain so they could glass for Ibex. We were at about 11,000 to 12,000 feet at this point and the altitude took all my breath away, making it difficult to climb.

**W**e would glass then get back on the horses, ride some more, glass some more. We did see some Ibex that were in range but the head Guide, Tumro, said they were too small. Those were the last we saw close enough to shoot.

They split Jim and I up at noontime so we could stand a

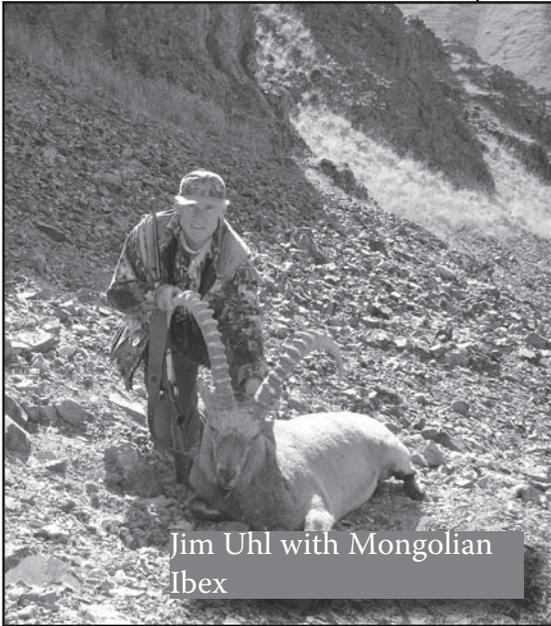
better chance at finding the Ibex. Two went with Jim and two with me. It didn't work as none of us saw any Ibex except on the far away mountains. Coming home they had me get off the horse and climb down part of the mountain, as it was all rock and shale. I was about knee deep in this stuff and couldn't walk; I had to slide down most of the way. They hung on to me but I still fell a few times and my legs ached by the time I got to the bottom trying to stay upright.

**A**s we rode to camp I found myself thinking many different thoughts—praying that I would not die here, mad at myself for coming on this trip then mad at Jim for talking me into coming. My thoughts were becoming quite murderous by the time we reached camp. I could hardly walk when I got off my horse. But two Ibuprofen and two glasses of wine helped and put me into a mellower mood when Jim arrived at camp.

The next day they took us to another area about two hours away. These mountains were rolling type and much easier to climb but there were no Ibex in sight. When we returned to camp they informed Jim that they were taking him to a faraway mountain we could see with snow on the top and they would stay at least one night, maybe two. Jim asked who was taking me and the Guide said no, you shoot her animal. I

# Hunt Report

was sitting there thinking I might shoot him and Jim said no, she shoots her own animals. The



Jim Uhl with Mongolian Ibex

Guide just grunted and left.

They left an hour later and returned the following night about midnight. They had stayed in a 2-man tent the night previously. It was a rough ride getting there and back and no Ibex.

The next morning bright and early we headed out again. When we reached the top they sat me

in an area looking out over the mountains, left me by myself and said they would be back. If I saw an Ibex I could shoot it. Then they took Jim and left. Two Guides were with Jim and the other two had gone off in different directions to look for Ibex. I waited there for 3-4 hours for their return getting madder and madder. I realized then that they were not going to bother helping me shoot an Ibex. I was not a happy camper to say the least. I had paid the Hunters price for the hunt but was treated like an Observer.

The last day I decided to remain in camp. Late afternoon they spotted some Ibex and Jim had to climb down a mountain that was so steep the Guide had to hold his feet on the rocks. They circled up behind the Ibex and he was successful in shooting his Ibex. As it turned out it was about the size of the ones we saw on the first day but Jim was happy because it was a beautiful one with different shaped horns. Also

because he at least got one.

Jim said this was the hardest hunt he has ever been on. He came back to camp exhausted each day (as I did) and this is the first time since I have known him for 23 years to feel that way. This company has 10 camps and I think they sent us to the most difficult one. Considering my age it would seem that they would take that into consideration when deciding where to send us. Although it would seem we did have the best cook according to what others had told us.

If you decide to go on this hunt, I would suggest you talk to them in advance if you are not physically able to climb very steep, very high mountains fighting rocks all the way. The country is beautiful and the people friendly and we enjoyed that part of the trip. It was an experience I will never forget and hope never to do again.

## HELP WANTED

Experienced cashier and assistant to oversee raffle, auction, and other financial matters related to our annual fundraiser.

Hours: 2:00pm-Closing

Dinner included and some monetary compensation (to be negotiated)

Please contact Cathie Nelson at 650-368-4530 or [2bliss@msn.com](mailto:2bliss@msn.com) or Beverly Valdez at 650-697-6538 or [bev@safariclub-sfbay.org](mailto:bev@safariclub-sfbay.org).



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## Gathering at the Waterhole

**T**he Holiday Season is here – and it's time to book your table for the March 4, 2006 SCI Greater Bay Area Banquet and Fundraiser.

You can find your registration form on page 23 or on the web site at:  
<http://www.safariclub-sfbay.org/>

You'll see we once again have great incentives for registering early and additional ones for booking a half table (5) or full table (10).

This is going to be a great event – one that you won't want to miss! We have many exciting hunts, trips, and wildlife themed merchandise to be auctioned. We also have a large number of quality firearms to be raffled. Here are just a few examples.

If you have been wanting a **Trophy California Blacktail** deer, this is the year. We will be auctioning a California "Golden Opportunity" license – hunt anywhere in the state, any legal time of year! Golden opportunity is certainly the right name for this one!

In addition, we have nearly 50 outstanding hunts and trips for auction. Whether your interest is in Africa, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Mongolia, or South America – you will find at least one hunt or trip that you absolutely must have on our list of donations. Gold Medal Rhino, High Altai Ibex, Monster Elk . . . We've been highly selective with each and every item we will be including!

Did someone mention the art work? We have some beauti-

### WE WILL BE AUCTIONING A COVETED CALIFORNIA "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" DEER LICENSE.

ful items this year – including etched scrimshaw from African artisans and fine art pieces from Eric Forlee and Blaine Dabb.

**Sables** are once again putting together some of their finest baskets for raffle along with beautiful furs, jewelry, and other precious items for auction.

Don't forget to bring **young hunters and potential hunters** with you. We have a special youth raffle with quality hunts and other items for young hunters.

Of course, one of the main components of the night will be meeting new and old friends, sharing our experiences and planning new ones together as we "gather at the watering hole" in

Foster City.

We have a number of rooms reserved at the Crowne Plaza for the special rate of \$89 per night. Call the Crowne Plaza at 650-570-5700 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention the Greater Bay Area fundraiser to get the special rate.

We have some terrific 'early bird' registration bonuses so please take advantage and get your reservation in. Just fill out the form on page 23 and mail or fax it to the office.

Don't hesitate to contact Beverly (650-697-6538 or [bev@safariclub-sfbay.org](mailto:bev@safariclub-sfbay.org)) if you have any questions!

This is a night the whole family will enjoy! Bring your family, relatives, neighbors and friends! We nearly sold out last year, and we expect we will sell out this year. Please order now and assure your

### EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER TRIPS

Do you have a great story about a hunt you won at a fundraiser? Share it with us! Send your information with or without pictures to  
Beverly.

## Hunting Red Stag near the Loch Ness

### Monster by JP Puette

**T**his September Bob and I hunted Scottish Red Stag at Alcoa Corporation's Sherramore Lodge, a charming old country manor house on a 35,000 acre estate, in the Highlands of Scotland, about an hour south of Inverness, with our good friends Don and Jan Lemons. Jan is not a hunter, but she is a great sport and read and toured while Don, Bob, and I hunted, mostly in the rain, for the week. We'd booked the trip a couple of years ago with Mike McCrave at SCI. He runs a pretty good hunt, but it would have been nice to have had a bit more information, such as that the bathrooms are down the hall. Some of us had not packed bathrobes for traipsing to and fro for showers. English breakfasts are not my cup of tea – runny scrambled eggs, bland sausage, baked tomatoes, mushrooms, and undercooked bacon that is more like ham than our bacon.



JP Puette with Sika

Lunches were on your own for the ladies who were sightseeing and skimpy sandwiches for hunters. Dinners, prepared by a charming chef named Wendy, were fabulous – delicious starters, main courses, and desserts (crème brulee, chocolate decadence with warm chocolate sauce in the middle, the best bread pudding I ever ate).

The hunting was medium but I still enjoyed it a lot. There are some big stags but they save those for the Alcoa execs and guests. Americans are just allowed to shoot stags they want culled to keep the herd stable. The land is peat; very wet peat. If you didn't watch your footing and stay on top of the vegetation, you wound up ankle, knee, or hip deep in peat bog, which Bob did several times. Trust me, just throw away your white socks, that black is not coming out. The guides are very nervous about safety so the guide carries the gun, carries the ammo, does the stalking, decides what you can shoot, loads the gun, puts the gun on the rest (jacket, rock, hood of Land Rover), and hopes you can aim. It is not my first choice to just be the shooter. On the other hand, it was all I could do to hike up and down after the guy for 9 and a half hours in the rain one whole day without having the added weight of the gun. Also, it is hard to get up on the

stags and the guides do a good job of getting you close; they don't waste any time with low-probability shots. Bob and Don got two really nice stags each, I got one nice stag (mine was the oldest, about 14, and had no teeth left in the front and the molars were ground to the gums), and Bob and I each got a nice Sika

Deer. Don tried for the Sika but never saw one.

This would be a good place to take your own group. The estate is beautiful with hills, lakes, black-faced sheep littered everywhere, old stone walls and derelict crofts.

The river Spey runs a rocky course across the land and just north of the lodge, dammed to make a loch just past the lodge and another much further near a beautiful castle. Sherramore Lodge can house 10-14, there are several interesting day trips for the non-hunters, and it's quite pleasant to experience a week at a country manor. Everyone takes meals together, cocktails (BYOB) are pleasant in the main reception room with comfortable sofas and chairs and a nice big fireplace. Dinners in the elegant formal dining room were a delight - meals on lovely china, using crystal glasses, and the camaraderie of fellow hunters.

This is also not the most expensive Red Stag hunt either so if you want a really big stag ask Mike about his one-on-one hunts in high fenced areas in England and Scotland.



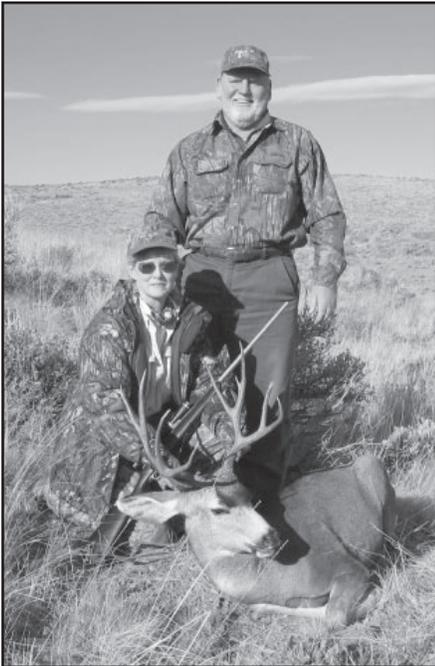
Bob Puette with red stag

# Hunt Report

Bob Keagy took this trophy tule elk at the Shamrock Ranch in August 2005.



Bob Keagy calls this his "20 minute pig" - after leaving the lodge at 6:05AM, he had the pig down by 6:25. A record even for Shamrock Ranch, he says!



JP Puette (shown with Bob) took this 4x5 mule deer in Nevada in October.



Sables squirrel hunt in July -- at over 100 degrees, it was a really tough hunt!

## Meeting The Environment

by John Beck

**T**he American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) is located in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and after spending a week there last July I can see why. The scenery and tranquil setting made this summer school one not to miss. This isn't to say that the knowledgeable instructors didn't teach us plenty while keeping it fun and engaging; nor is it to say that Don Brown and his wife didn't add warmth and hospitality to the whole experience. The school is top-notch in every way - but, still, it is hard to compete with the majesty of the Rocky Mountains.

When I pulled off the paved

road to MacLeod's ranch I immediately knew that I was in for an adventure, that trek of a few miles was quite frustrating. Here I was surrounded by gorgeous mountains, wildlife, and the most picturesque creek I've ever seen - and I had to concentrate on keeping my car on the rough and rugged dirt road. When I finally came to the gate to the school, it was like entering a little piece of heaven.

After checking in, I met the staff and my fellow classmates - it was one of the happiest groups I've met (I should warn you, that I have been working in colleges for the past 20 years so I am accustomed to a lot of gloomy people). Not all of us were educators, some were hunting guides, some worked in wildlife centers, one fellow was there to accompany his wife (He knew a good thing when he saw it and he wanted part of it). My roommate was a writer for *Outdoor Classics* magazine. Although people came from all over the country (and Canada, too) we had a certain bond that we loved the outdoors. It felt

more like a reunion than getting to know each other.

The instructors were excellent. Gene Decker, who taught at the U of Colorado, was the primary instructor and his knowledge, passion and sense of humor made his lectures favorites. He had an instant rapport with us. At one of the field trips, where we saw the effects of exploring for natural gas in some of the remaining open space (open space which is a winter home for a herd of deer and a breeding ground for grouse) - Gene's disgust was almost palpable, and definitely contagious. That sight made every one of us angry at the short sighted approach to exploring for energy: one day all of fossil fuels under that soil will be gone - unfortunately, so will the deer and grouse. The aggravating part of it is, with care, they could extract the gas and protect the native birds and animals. Alas, they don't hold any stock in these companies.

Another exceptional instructor was Peter Kummerfeldt. He

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taught wilderness survival for the Air-force, and he also taught us. Imagine John Cleese as a retired Air-force officer and you'll have a good picture. Peter spent considerable time disabusing us of many urban legends of wilderness survival (perhaps they should be called 'rural legends'). He drew a distinction between 'primitive skills' and 'survival skills'. The former are next to useless but have a romantic allure, such as starting a fire with sticks, or building shelter from all natural materials. The latter are simply about keeping yourself safe and alive. His presentation was based on common sense (e.g. practice with every item you put in your survival kit - get it wet and cold - does it still work? Can you still use it if your hand is injured or numb from the cold?) One of his many tips: the shiny holographic logo on your credit card can be used a signal mirror.

After all of the wonderful instructors, beautiful scenery, and camaraderie with fellow students what did I walk away with? A renewed commitment to the protection of wilderness so our descendants can inherit it. One of the great tragedies in preservation is that many of the groups squabble rather than putting aside minor differences for the greater good. Of course, that is the job of us teachers: to inspire people to protect nature, and foster cooperation between diverse groups which enjoy nature in different ways. If we are successful, we will leave a legacy to future generations.

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Executive Chef, Bob Hurley

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# Sportsmen Against Hunger Week

November 13-19 was named Sportsmen Against Hunger Week. This is the third year for the SCI Foundation to challenge North American sportsmen and -women to give part of their harvests from this hunting season to the hungry in their communities.

Sportsmen Against Hunger is active in all 50 U.S. states, parts of Canada and in several countries around the world. Launched in 1989, this much-emulated program is supported by SCI's international network of over 170 Chapters, some 46,000 SCI Members and other sportsmen who establish local drives, fundraisers and other program support efforts.

Last year, hunters participating in Sportsmen Against Hunger Week provided the hungry across the United States with an astounding 575,460 meals'-worth of processed game meat. This year, the SCI Foundation is looking to top itself by urging the outdoor sporting community to give even more of this high-protein, low-fat food resource.

Don't wait another year to get involved! Contact SCI Foundation Humanitarian Services Coordinator Allyson Barreras at 520-620-1220, ext. 480; [abarreras@safariclub.org](mailto:abarreras@safariclub.org).

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# Hunting and Fishing Report & Evaluation Form Safari Club International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter



Dear Member: Whenever and wherever you hunt or fish, you are the eyes and ears of our club. The information and impressions you provide through Hunting and Fishing reports is invaluable. Please take a few moments to send in your completed report so we can pass along this information to our fellow members. Information and photos received will be used in Base Camp.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hunt location Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area/concession: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of hunt: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of days hunted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Species taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Were animals: Abundant \_\_\_\_\_ Occasional \_\_\_\_\_ Scarce \_\_\_\_\_  
 What type of game were most plentiful: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip booked by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Outfitter's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your personal guide: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you recommend your personal guide to other members:  Yes  No  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp facilities:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Equipment condition:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Food:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Trophy preparation:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____
Trophy shipping:	Excellent: _____	Good: _____	Fair: _____	Poor: _____

Transportation used during hunt:  Airplane  Boat  Vehicle  Horse  By foot  Other  
 Cost of hunt: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of airlines: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was the total cost of hunt in line with the services and quality of the outfitter and animals taken:  Yes  No

Did you include photos for Base Camp?  Yes  No  
 Can we forward this report to SCI National for Publication:  Yes  No  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (NEW MEMBERS)

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

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\*Preferred communication:  Phone  Fax  Email

Would you be willing to serve as an officer or on a committee in this chapter? Please check one:

Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, in what capacity would you like to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Chapter Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Badge ( ) Certificate



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I am interested in working on the following committees:

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# Mission Statement for San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International

- To promote good fellowship among those who love the outdoors and the sport of hunting, shooting and fishing.
- To promote conservation of the wildlife of the world as a renewable resource in which hunting is one management tool among many.
- To help conservation efforts by supporting worthwhile projects, both verbally and financially, when possible.
- To educate our youth in the safe and proper use of firearms and to interest and teach them in conservation and preservation of the forests and animals, which are our national heritage.
- To share the latest hunting experiences and information of our members so that other members may profit from same.
- To operate the association as a non-profitable organization, originated for the enjoyment of the members, and with the thought in mind that perhaps we can be of assistance in helping to conserve and preserve the animals which we love to hunt today for those who will come to love the sport tomorrow.



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