



Safari Club International - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Spring 2008



Bob Keagy took this Marco Polo in Tajikistan, December, 2007.

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Coming events

Wild Game Awards Dinner
June 1, 2008
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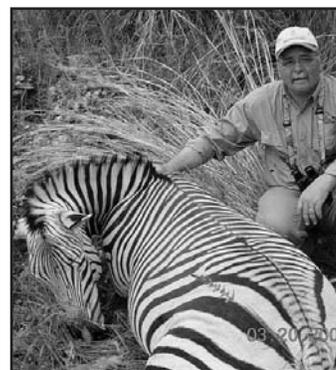
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President's Message



Dear Members,

Wow, how the time has gone by! Last I remember we were hunting ducks and geese, now it's on to pigs and turkeys.

By now the Reno show is a memory, I hope your memories are as good for you as mine. It started with the Sportsmen Against Hunger event where many of our chapter members helped out. Kudos to all who helped. We had a nice Presidents reception, which we hope to see you at next year. The Reno event was the biggest to date and had the highest revenues. If you missed it this year, please plan on going next year. To make it even better, the new Cabela's is now open in Reno. Talk about needing a second mortgage after being in those two places!

Then it was off to our local fundraiser, one of the best ever! I think everyone enjoyed conversing with friends, bidding on auction items (what a great auctioneer) and winning raffle items. I know many of you that purchased terrific hunts and/or bought merchandise. Thank you for your support.

I would like to thank all the outfitters and businesses that donated their high quality hunts, trips and merchandise. Your support of our club is essential for our chapter's success. A special thank you goes to Gina and Alex Feige of Imbert & Smithers, who for many years has helped us with our firearms selection and registrations.

If you purchased a hunt or trip, make sure to thank the outfitter for their donation, and help them out by bringing a friend or taking some additional trophies.

The last note on our fundraiser is that I would like to thank everyone who helped. It is often a thankless job. Anyone wishing to help with our 2009 fundraiser can leave their name and phone number with Beverly.

Well not quite the last note....March 7, 2009. Remember the date of our next fundraiser.

Another great event your Chapter is providing for you is the annual Wild Game Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose on Sunday, June the 1st from 6-8 PM. Please note that this is a Sunday night. We are trying to make it more convenient to attend. You will find additional information on the dinner in this newsletter.

Please don't forget to sign your friends up as SCI and chapter members. You can still get your name in the "hat" for each member you sign up for a chance to win a firearm. This drawing will be at the Wild Game Dinner.

Hunt often. Hunt safely.
And remember that SCI is First for Hunters.
Dwight A. Ortmann

Remembering Bob Bergstrom



Jackie Fleming “I didn’t realize how much of an impact Bob had on my son, until I had to tell him that Bob had passed away. Although I like to think the fine young man my son turned out to be was due to my bringing him up, I know it was also the quality time he spent with Bob at the first aid classes, the shooting range, breaking down and cleaning the weapons, and the annual dinner that helped my son mature.”

John McGannon “Bob was the kind of person who was the first to get in line to help and donate his time... He was the lead volunteer for the Bay Area SCI Cubs program and a certified Hunter Safety Instructor - teaching our kids proper gun safety, respect for wildlife and how to become an honorable member of society. Bob was at his best when he was dressed in an orange vest, holding a shotgun, with a group of kids that he directed behind one of his beloved dogs. His wit, humor, infectious enthusiasm and passion for life are what most will remember about Bob. For me, it’ll be his commitment to share his love of being in the field and his passion for food.”

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bergstrom family as Bob Bergstrom, a long time member of SFBay Chapter, a supporter of all we believe in, and a mentor to our youth, died March 14 from a pulmonary embolism while recovering from a massive stroke suffered six weeks earlier.

Bob grew up and lived most of his working life in Redwood City. Bob was an avid sportsman and was a member of many organizations in addition to SCI.

Generous with his time and knowledge, Bob served for many years as a Hunter Safety and Firearms Instructor coaching our youth. He helped to organize and run the Annual Wild Game Awards dinner for many years and was a key organizer and participant in the annual BBQ held at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays.

To honor Bob, at the March meeting, the Board of Directors approved the renaming of the annual BBQ as the

*“Bob Bergstrom
Memorial BBQ”*



John McGannon, his sons, and Bob with Penny

Member Photos



Doug Chamberlain with chapter member and youth supporter Jim Peters following a fine pheasant day.

Edie Ortmann with pigs taken last fall at Dos Rios. Good job filling the freezer Edie!



Ken Fish, a good friend of the chapter, also had a successful run on the Huli Cat — and plenty of help too!



Paul Williamson, of San Francisco Bay Chapter, took a little time off his Safari Club duties to do a little local rockcod fishing out of Half Moon Bay on the Huli Cat.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1, 2008

Wild Game Awards Dinner
Three Flames, San Jose
See Info on Page 13-14

August 28, 2008

Bob Bergstrom Memorial
BBQ
Coyote Valley Sporting
Clays, Morgan Hill

September 28, 2008

Annual 'Feed the Hungry'
San Jose Salvation Army

October 26, 2008

Annual Fall Appreciation
Dinner
Crowne Plaza Foster City

March 7, 2009

Annual Fundraiser

If you are interested in becoming more active with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, contact any Board member or Beverly in the chapter of ce at 650-697-6538 (phone and fax) or bev@safariclub-sfbay.org.

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Member Photos

After 6+ hours of hard work, we had an approach on a very mature Copper ram. This trophy is by far the largest of all the Springbuck and the most aggressive of all the species



Day two was off to a great start with a 150 yard shot on this Common Springbuck. Nice mature ram shot off the rocks on a ranch about near the Reed River.

A great way to end Day two. This beautiful White ram was shot near the Reed River at 150 yards. The striped horns are very unique.



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Young hunters



Bob Puette's grandson Austin got his first bull sprig at the youth duck hunt at Gustine Duck Club in February. Austin passed his hunter safety at age 10.

Rich Clayton's young friend JP (age 11) shot his first Springbuck on the 2007 trip. Marting (PH) and JP stalked this ram from the rock outcroppings. Great shot JP!



Doug Chamberlain won a pheasant hunt with Jim Peters at the 2007 fundraiser. Looks like they had a very successful day!

Bob Puette and Austin — coming in after a great duck day with a cloudy sky and a light wind. Austin was shooting really well as you can see by his duck strap!



**REMEMBER
TO TAKE
A YOUNG
HUNTER OUT
WITH YOU
THE NEXT
TIME YOU GO
SHOOTING
OR HUNTING!**

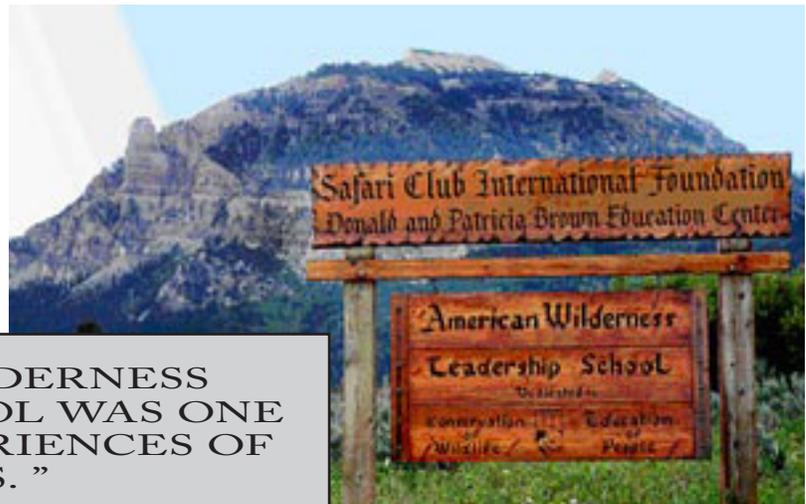
Doug Chamberlain and dad Randy. Randy says "it was quite special to hunt with my son; this is something we had looked forward to for a long time." Thanks Jim for donating and hosting this hunt!



The Sables Miombo Corner

Become more involved with Sables by contacting President Annette Peterson by e-mail at sablespres@safariclub-sfbay.org.

Summer is almost here and it's time for the Sables Annual Squirrel hunt on the Puette ranch and this year will be the *"Last Ever Sables Squirrel Shoot Until the Stupid State of California Reverses the Lead Ammo Ban"* from 10am till we're tired on Saturday, June 14th, 2008. This is a great opportunity to introduce women and girls to the fun of shooting and hunting. If you want to bring boys, that's OK. Girls get preference in jeeps, at the range, et cetera. Fishing is an option. To learn more, contact Sables president Annette Peterson or JP Puette at jpuette@earthlink.net or contact any Sable member.



“AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL WAS ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES OF OUR LIVES.”

American Wilderness Leadership School was one of the best experiences of our lives. We would not have been able to attend without a full scholarship. We gained knowledge that will contribute to every aspect of our lives. We made many friends and were taught many things. We left feeling ready to take on the world! We apologize for the tardiness of this letter, it is unacceptable but we meant well. Our intentions were to make a fabulous power point presentation for you and your organization. We had technical problems and the production did not get finished. We hope you will still look fondly on our organization for we would love to see our fellow docents attend next year. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Hannah Stockham
Hannah Stockham, Museum Docent

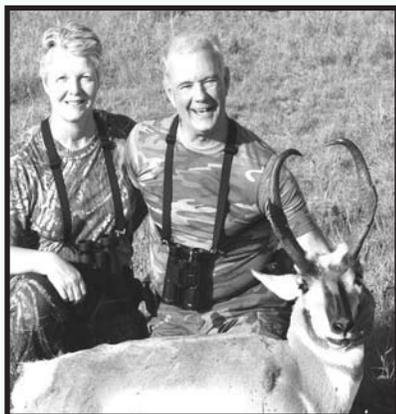


Sunrise Image Photography Photo Tips

Here are some great photo tips from Sandra Caddel Martin of Sunrise Image Photography, especially for hunters — And don't forget to send your photos in to the BaseCamp!

- Take lots of pictures of each kill - don't rush it
- Remove or tilt back caps and hats
- Raise up the animal's head (lion: head and shoulders)
- Remove blood and replace tongue
- Camera should be at animal's eye level
- The hunter should not be close enough to touch the animal
- Turn the animal at an angle to the camera - not perpendicular
- Use a flash on some of the shots - especially in bright sun
- Remove tall grass from in front of the animal
- Add in some close-up and really wide shots
- Do not shoot directly into the sun to avoid lens flare
- For Crocs: prop open jaws with a stick in rear of the mouth
- Digital cameras should be set to produce at least a 1.5-MB file - take plenty of memory cards
- Photograph a lot of wildlife in general; a good zoom helps
- Take a lot of pictures of small details of the whole trip. Rifle stocks, pelts, and anything with a vibrant color or texture
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Wild Game Donations Needed

WILD GAME MEATS, FISH, AND FOWL NEEDED FOR ANNUAL DINNER

As the annual Wild Game Awards dinner approaches, please look in your freezer and see if you can donate some meat, fish, or fowl (see more information starting on page 14). Donations are needed by May 22nd. Contact Cam Grieg (650) 650.941.5671 or Dwight Ortmann (650) 556-5882 to arrange the donation. Don't forget to register for the dinner!

**Sportsmen
Against Hunger™**



**Sportsmen Against Hunger Week
November 12-18, 2007**

Since Safari Club International started the Sportsmen Against Hunger program in 1989, tens of millions of meals have been served at local soup kitchens, food banks, or other charitable organizations, such as The Salvation Army. Donations continue to increase each year. This year we will once again be collecting donations for the San Jose Salvation Army. We will also be serving meals on September 28th — your help is needed! Contact Beverly at 650.697.6538 for more information.

YOUR EXTRA WILD GAME CAN HELP THE PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

The annual "Fiesta dei Cacciatore" or Wild Game Feed is sponsored by the Peninsula Italian American Social Club. They are asking for support in donating wild game that can be used for the dinner menu. All proceeds from the raffle held at the dinner will be donated to local wildlife conservation programs. If you want to donate, please contact Dwight Ortmann at dwightortman@safariclub-sfbay.org to arrange delivery. Your donation is needed by Monday June 3 to be used at the dinner on June 7th.



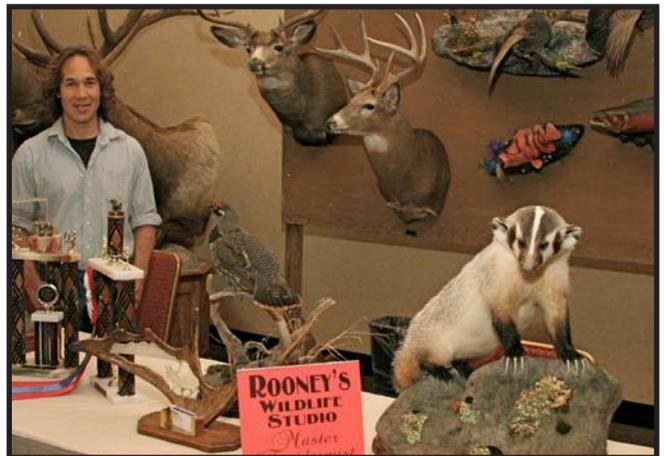
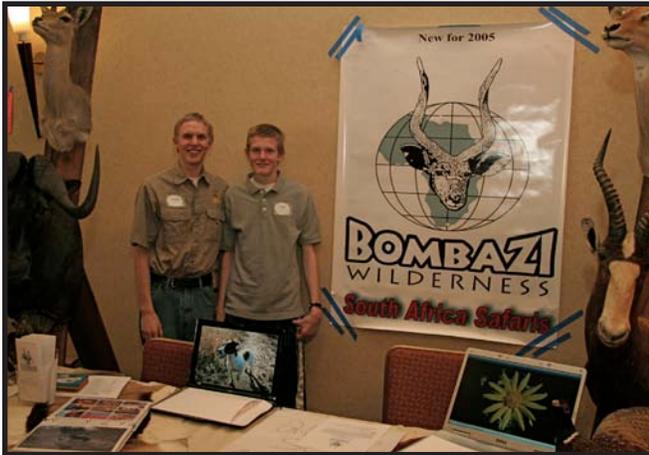
Richard Papaietro, on a hunt with Guiseppe Carrizosa in Spain. Richard was the winning bidder for the trip at the 2007 Greater Bay Area fundraiser.

Robert Lawson on a 5 day hunt in NM shot this buck within 15 minuts of the first morning on the first day!



Richard Papaietro also took an African trip last fall with great success.

Fundraiser — Great FUN and GREAT Results!





See more photos on the web: www.safariclub-sfbay.org



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

Game Awards & Wild Game Banquet

**Sunday, June 1, 2008
Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, California
408-269-3133**

Social Hour and Hors d'oeuvres 4:00 to 5:00
Gourmet Wild Game Buffet 5:00 to 6:30
Big Game Awards 6:30 to 7:00
Auction & Raffle to follow

Dress: Hunting Attire or Casual

If you would like to donate wild game or fish, please call to make arrangements
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WILD GAME DINNER & BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET

JUNE 1, 2008

6:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant at 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

WILD GAME AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Trophies must have been taken in the calendar year 2007.
2. All big game species listed in the SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF RECORDS are eligible for entry
3. There is no minimum score to qualify.
4. Each entry will be judged based on the photo alone unless the hunter wants to also submit a scoring sheet. If you wish to have the trophy scored you can submit the results. SCI scoring is most preferred. If you are unable to have your trophy scored the following persons can possibly assist you.
 - Gabe Tabib - Half Moon Bay (650) 712-8308
 - Geoff Vassallo - Wilderness Taxidermy (510) 490-4333
 - Alex Rolsky - Imbert & Smithers Sport Shop (650) 593-4207
 - Stan Swart (408) 897-3262

Note:

- All entries for the awards will be judged based on their SCI score sheet, difficulty of hunt, type of firearm and number of entries.
 - Awards for fish will be based on species, line used, size and/or length
5. Awards will be presented for the following five categories: NORTH AMERICA, AFRICA, INTERNATIONAL/ASIA, EXOTICS & SELF-GUIDED.
 6. No award fee is required; however, attendance at the AWARDS BANQUET is required. Banquet is on a first come, first served basis and will be cut off on May 28, 2008. Only 150 places are available. Banquet fee is \$65 per person and \$40 per junior under 18. The club will pay for the first two awards; any other plaques beyond two will be the responsibility of the awardee @ \$20 per plaque.
 7. A PDF file of your photo/form must accompany each entry. PDF images can be made from your photo for \$7.50 per photo if submitted with entry. Photos will not be returned. All materials can be submitted electronically to: cam.greig@yahoo.com

JUDGING AND SCORING

All entries must be received by May 23, 2008 at cam.greig@yahoo.com or by mail to Cam Greig, Wild Game Awards, 11240 Page Mill Rd , Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

If you have any questions or would like to help with the Awards committee call

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

JUNE 1, 2008

6:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant at 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

Special Chapter personal awards are given only once to any one person; exceptions can be made by a vote of the awards committee.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

1. SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

- Must be a current member in good standing of SFBA Chapter and of SCI National for the year prior to their nomination.
- Exceptional hunter.
- Active in conservation efforts.

2. MEMBERSHIP AWARD

- Must be a current member in good standing of the SFBA Chapter and SCI National for the year prior to their nomination.
- A member that is serving on the Board or a major committee, past or present. One that is active in promoting the chapter in many ways

3. LIONESSE AWARD

- Must be a current member in good standing of SFBA Chapter or Sables and SCI National for the year prior to their nomination
- Must have hunting experience
- Must be active in chapter or Sables group activities more than the average member

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**SCI SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER
NOMINATION FORM:**

As a member of the SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter I wish to nominate the following:

Sportsman of the Year: _____

Member of the Year _____

Lioness _____

Comments: (Why you feel this member should have this Award)

Your Name _____

**(Must be a chapter member in good standing at least
two years prior to the nomination)**

**Return to
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No later than May 23, 2008**

Kyrgyzstan Mid-Asian Ibex Hunt

by Loren Baxter

It all started at the SCI Greater Bay Area Fundraiser in 2007. I hadn't planned on going to Kyrgyzstan, in fact, since my wife and I had recently moved to the Bay Area from Alaska, I was thinking about a hunt somewhere closer to home.

As I paged through the donations, I was surprised to see a Kyrgyzstan Ibex hunt donated



Loren and Ibex

by Abed Radwan of Anchorage. I first met Abed professionally a number of years ago. We also had traded hunting stories at Alaska SCI Chapter meetings. As a result of his passion for hunting which has taken him all over the world, I knew Abed had started a business as a booking agent and hunting consultant.

Knowing Abed was a person of integrity, I had confidence he would only donate a quality hunt. With my better half encouraging me to bid, I ended up the proud owner of a hunt

“ABED’S FOLLOW-UP EMAILS, CALLS, AND VIDEO ... MADE THE PLANNING A BREEZE”

for two hunters for Mid-Asian Ibex in Kyrgyzstan. One quick cell call confirmed my brother would join me on the hunt. The very next day we started planning. Abed's follow-up emails, calls, and video sent to us showing his Ibex hunt in Kyrgyzstan along with detailed instructions on what we should expect made the planning a breeze.

We decided to go in early October. With my brother flying from Anchorage and me from San Francisco, we met up in Chicago, then flying with Turkish Airlines non-stop to Istanbul. After a seven hour layover, we were on our way to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. We arrived about 3:30 AM and as we walked off the plane, we were promptly met by the outfitter (Igor) and our interpreter (Marsha), and whisked off to a waiting area for tea, coffee, and biscuits as our gear was gathered and visas processed.

Loaded in a modern SUV, by 4:45 AM we were off on the road for our first four hour leg. Arriving at the south side of the mountain rimmed Lake Issyk-Kul, we finished our first leg. There we were met by the owner of the hunting camp, a Russian named Valentine. We transferred our belongings into two Russian 4X4's. After eating a lunch of cheese, sausage and tea we left for the nine hour drive through

the mountains to the camp. Bumping along the dirt and gravel roads, we climbed through several high mountain passes including at least one that was over 13,000 feet in elevation and through several check points. Recent heavy snows had closed portions of our route, so the trek took a longer, bumpier ride into camp. Arriving just before dark, we eagerly had dinner and were off to bed in anticipation of the next day's hunt. (Note: I would recommend sending a night in Bishkek before driving on to the hunting area, we were exhausted after all of the air travel and long drive. The Asia Mountain Guest House is new and very reasonable; we paid \$48 for a double).

Following 46 hours or more of travel, we treated ourselves by sleeping in until 7 AM the next morning. After breakfast, we fired a few shots to ensure our rifles were on, and then headed off on horseback in different directions. Our guides were hard working and committed to our success. The horses were some of the toughest you can find anywhere; they climbed through snow and rocks that were a challenge to walk through. After riding down a canyon and up a side drainage, my guide and I finally left the horses and hiked up a couple hundred yards, settling down into the snow to wait. The guide pulled out a set of “whites” to allow us to better blend into the snow. Through broken English and lots of sign language, I learned my brother and his guide would be working toward us, hopefully pushing ibex into our general direction. After an hour of glassing, a herd of smaller Ibex (apparently females and small males) passed over a ridge below us. Another half hour past. We heard shots and continued to watch until we saw several Ibex with

good looking horns pass above us and running through the snow. My guide encouraged me to shoot, but the distance was long (400+ yards and the Ibex were on the run).

My combo binocs/range finder proved to be a worthy investment. After being convinced no additional Ibex would be heading in our direction, we hiked back to the horses, heading down the canyon. Through radio communications, sign language, and some creative interpretation, I managed to verify my brother had shot a nice Ibex at a range of about 500 yards. Bigger Ibex were in the

Don Baxter, ibex



herd, but by the time he shot, they had moved out of range.

We rode several miles back up the canyon and up another drainage on the opposite side of the canyon. As we rode over the top and down the side of several mountains (we were hunting between 10,000-12,000 feet in elevation), I was impressed with the number of Marco Polo ram horns lying on the ground. My guide told me that in the winter, when the rams are down low and the canyon bottoms are filled with ice, the sheep become easy picking for wolves. We saw a lot of Marco Polo ewes, but in October the rams occupy different range.

This remote country, just a few miles from the Chinese border is also the home of snow leopards and Asian brown bears.

As we topped the last mountain, we left the horses, hiking down the mountain side so that we could look



into the drainage below. My guide quickly spotted a herd, but it was moving out of sight into a drainage below us. We hiked back to the horses, then rode along the high snowy ridge above where the Ibex disappeared until we couldn't ride any further. Leaving the horses, we edged our way down a finger that led in the direction the ibex disappeared. As we worked our way down the ridge and peeked over a cliff, we could see the herd milling around below.

One nice Ibex was in the group. I edged out to where I could get a solid rest and a clear shot before squeezing the trigger on my 300 Win. Mag. The first 380 yard shot hit solid with a loud "thump". The ibex was hit, but it started to move away. I fired again, then just before he disappeared, I fired one last shot. Another solid "thump" came back and we knew he was down! After pats on the back and a short celebration, we worked our way back to the horses and finally had a little late lunch of native sausage, cheeses, boiled eggs, breads, and water.

It was about 4 PM as we picked our way down the mountain with my guide leading the horses. Reaching the bottom of the canyon, we mounted up, riding until we turned up the drainage the ibex disappeared into. After a few hundred yards, it was back to scouting, trying to spot the downed ibex. In just a few minutes, my guide spotted him and we began the upward hike. My guide got there long before me (hiking at over 10,000 feet does take your breath away when you are used to living at sea level) and began sliding the ibex downhill in the snow.

After a few pictures, a quick and efficient cape job, and gathering the meat that could be savaged, we mounted our horses, heading out on the long ride back to camp. We arrived back in camp well after dark



after a rewarding but exhausting day. Ahhh, the joys of a hot meal, a toast to our success, and a welcomed sleep to prepare of for tomorrow's adventures.

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Member Update

Welcome to our new members! These members have joined since our last BaseCamp. We now have 222 Chapter members and 33 Sables members! Our goal is 225 Chapter members by in 2008; help make this goal a reality by encouraging your friends to join.

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Edward Buchanan	Gregory Key	Ron Messimer	Donald Seibel	

Please ask your pro hunting and conservation minded friends and relatives to join us. There are many reasons to join — with the key one being political impact locally and nationally. SCI does the heavy lifting for hunting and hunters rights but our Chapter focuses on local conservation, education, and protecting our rights as hunters. The incentive of a \$50 gift certificate from Cabelas' for a new National Membership continues to apply — when you sign up a new member you can apply for a \$50 Cabela's gift certificate. All hunters serious about keeping our right to hunt intact should be a member of SCI and our Chapter! And, don't forget, it's fun!

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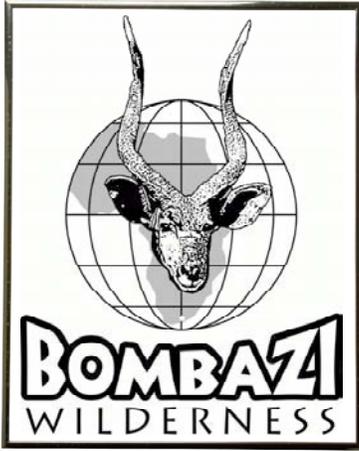
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Hunting the Idaho Frank Church Wilderness

by Paul Williamson

I love a wilderness hunt. The element of chance that everything can go up literally in a puff of smoke or at the buck of a horse just adds to the excitement of it all.

I booked this 2007 hunt with Middle Fork Outfitters in the Frank Church Wilderness (“the Church” to the locals) in search of a quality mule deer. Eight days on horseback meant a lot of work was in store with a lot of fun to be had.

Day One was uneventful with eight hours to camp via horse in good weather. Once at the camp — we were greeted by a bear who destroyed camp! That half eaten Snickers bar was looking pretty good right about now, but Troy our camp cook made a fast recovery and we had spaghetti with meat sauce for dinner. A little tent patching and we had a place to sleep.

Day Two dawned to more blue bird weather and two mature 4X4's taken by my camp mates George Lee and Grant Hagerty. Both at around 24” and George's was a very nice non-typical. I spotted a couple of young bucks but no big guys. On the return to camp my guide Dano and I sky lined a couple of very nice bucks above camp and would start the next day on that ridge.

On day three Don Ens our outfitter and George and Grant's guide vowed he'd use his bear tag to get that camp raiding bear since there was sign that he was hanging around the area. George, Grant and Ron could now concentrate on Elk.

“DANO AND I WERE QUITE SURPRISED ... TO SEE HE WAS NOT A 5X4 BUT A 6X4.”

Dano and I went off in search of those bucks we sky lined the night before.

George and Grant got into some Elk and did some serious chasing but since the weather was so warm the advantage was all on the Elk's side.

Dano and I interrupted some Wolves who had interrupted those bucks we saw. I caught a good eye full of what I came for in a heavy antlered Muley 4X4 but he'd been spooked and there was no getting a shot off that quick. Dano and I closed the day by topping out that ridge and spotting the south end of some north bound Elk.

Day Four and Ron found the bear and filled his tag.

Day Five started with Dano and I glassing a drainage east of camp down low by the creek for about what seemed to be an hour but in reality was about 30 minutes when Dano spotted him. Out came the spotting scope and there he was. What I came for!

5X4 twenty-five to twenty-six inches. We watched as the buck slowly worked his way from the sunlight into and out of the shade all the while feeding and watching. He slowly picked his way along until he bedded down below a pair of crossed logs.

With the wind in our favor and a whole drainage between us we mounted the

horses and rode along our side of the drainage. We settled slightly below the buck on the opposite side of the drainage on a flat ledge with a good shooting rock to rest the rifle on.

The buck lay at about 300 to 325 yards away bedded for the day. Since there was almost no wind and no way to close the distance without risking him moving or us being seen I would have to take the shot from here.

My first shot hit low on the buck slowing him but he was moving away, the second was a clear miss hitting the rock below his feet. He was moving into the brush and I squeezed off my third round hitting him in the right rear leg inside the thigh. We continued to watch him slowly moving up the hill until he tired and settled below some brush about two thirds the way to the top of the ridge.

It was 10:30 am by this time and I said I should calm down pick

Paul Williamson with Frank Church Wilderness mule deer



up my casings and we just let him lay until we could close the distance. This meant we had to ride to the top of the drainage and then down the ridge top he was below. It took us until 2:00 pm to get over to where we last spotted him.

We tied the horses at the top of where we thought we'd marked him. Dano went to my left and I proceeded down to the brush patch. In front of me three does appeared and I knew we were close, then crash up bounds the buck running from my left to my right. I fired and missed three times. The buck paused behind a tree about 150 yards to my right. When he cleared the tree my 7mm found the mark and he was mine.

Dano and I were quite surprised when we reached the log he piled up against to see he was not a 5x4 but a 6x4.

Days Six and Seven passed about the same for all of us — lots of chasing of elk but without a cold snap to force them down the best I could do is be too late on a rag horn.

On Day Eight we packed out to BC ranch headquarters for Middle Fork Outfitters.

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Dano despite being a young man was perhaps the closest thing to a natural I've seen in the woods

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