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Safari Club International - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Spring 2009



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3rd Thursday of each month

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

There are a number of challenges ahead for this legislative season. Ammunition seems to be the latest target to gain the attention of Sacramento in particular. Please be

sure to review the Legislative page in BaseCamp to keep up with the latest news on this front. Information will also be available on our web site at <http://www.safariclub-sfbay.org/>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Another convention in Reno has come and gone. While there were fewer people there, the event was still a success! I want to thank everyone that helped out with the Sportsmen Against Hunger event. We also had a very nice Presidents reception with more members and outfitters than attended than last year. If you missed it this year, please plan on attending next year.

With the Reno event over all focus was on our local fundraiser. Tom Mattusch did a great job “steering the ship” this year. I would also like to thank all volunteers, members and attendees. Special thanks to our donors and contributors — we had a wide range of items to bid on thanks to our donors. A special word of thanks is due to Jeana and Bryan Feige and Alex Rolsky. They have taken care of the firearms for our chapter for quite some time. Please remember to stop by Imbert & Smithers and thank them (and buy something). Mark your calendars for the next fundraiser, March 6, 2010.

Don't forget the Wild Game Dinner and Awards Banquet is coming soon – Sunday, May 17th. Dinner at 5:30 at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. See the info on page 18. Don't forget to send in your entries and to donate some of your wild game for the dinner. This is one of our most fun family events so be sure to attend!

On page 24 you will find information on our current chapter hunt for wild boar at the RSBar Ranch. This is going to be a great chapter hunt (see the photo of Richard Papapietro with boar taken at RSBar). There are plenty of activities for non-hunters to enjoy so make it a special outing with your spouse or a good friend. We still have two hunter openings. The RSBar Ranch was a contributor to the fundraiser. Please give them your support even if you do not go on this hunt.

What can you do for your chapter? Lots! It's almost time to elect the 2010 Board of Directors – have you thought about helping out as a Director? How about organizing a chapter hunt or a chapter shooting day? If you want to have some real fun, get involved with the chapter's various programs. Help on one of the main events we have each quarter. There are many ways you can get involved – some take more time than others but all are fun and give you an opportunity to meet new people.

With the new administration and members in congress, we need to increase our membership base more than ever. That starts with you! Sign up your friends and co-workers. Information about membership is on the chapter web site at <http://www.safariclub-sfbay.org> but also remember that again this year:

- Our local chapter has a rifle drawing for members who get new members.
- New national members still receive the \$50 Cabela's rebate.
- New for this year — for National Life Members our Chapter is offering a Chapter Life Membership

In closing, I want to thank everyone who works hard for our chapter throughout the year.

Hunt Safely,

Dwight A. Ortmann

MEMBER PHOTOS



Top Left: The Huli Cat found the giant squid. **Top Right:** A great red hartebeest for Tom. **Bottom Left:** Dwight and Eddie Ortmann at the Reno Convention. **Bottom Right:** Tom Mattusch and his trophy Steenbok.

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Wild Game and Award Dinner

August 23, 2009

Bob Bergstrom Memorial
BBQ & Shoot

September 26, 2009

San Jose Feed the Hungry /
National Hunting and Fishing Day

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



Scott Swasey and his 385 point bull at Deer Valley Ranch.



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Above Left to Right: SCI at the International Sportsman's Exhibition in San Mateo.

COURAGEOUS MARINE WINS BRITISH COLUMBIA BEAR HUNT.

A career Marine, and life-long hunter, critically injured during his second tour of duty in Iraq, has been awarded a terrific black bear hunt in British Columbia this spring. The hunt was donated to our Chapter by Otter Lake Outfitters and Ron Raboud, an SCI member with a big heart for wounded military personnel. Each spring Ron invites a disabled hunter or wounded vet to join him at the Otter Lake Outfitters' bear camp in south-central B.C. This camp enjoys a 100% success rate on big black bears virtually every year.

Thanks to cooperation from an Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund representative, Ron Arendt, Chairman of SCI's Veteran's Committee, and an SCI member in Southern California, three very worthy candidates were identified. All had been awarded Purple Hearts (among other decorations) for combat wounds suffered in Iraq or Afghanistan. In each case the injuries were severe and permanent. While their stories are humbling, I can tell you their attitudes and determination to live fully productive and fulfilling lives are extremely inspiring.

The winner is Gunnery Sergeant Blaine Scott (USMC), from Camp Pendleton, CA. "Gunny" Scott joined the Marines in 1992. For fourteen years his assignments, included three deployments to Okinawa, three and a half years as an instructor at the Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, CA, followed by his first



Blaine Scott and his buck.

deployment to Iraq. On August 20, 2006, during his second Iraq tour, a huge IED exploded directly under Gunny's Light Armored Vehicle. He suffered burns over 40% of his body, including his head and face, and sustained a shattered ankle. Over the subsequent eighteen months, numerous surgeries, grafts and burn treatments were performed at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX. His ankle was surgically rebuilt.

Gunny is now on limited duty at Camp Pendleton, serving as Chief Instructor of the Urban Leaders Course, but has two more reconstructive surgeries coming up at the UCLA Medical Center. He assures me that hiking after a big black B.C. bear will pose no problem. In fact, I strongly suspect the guides are going to have a hard time keeping up with him!

While at BAMC, Gunny enjoyed some deer, pig, and turkey hunting courtesy of local supporters. However, the best times were with his five year old daughter who loves to go anywhere and do anything, especially hunt and fish, with her dad. Sounds like a future Sable to me!

Gunny's goals for the next three years are well defined: 1) Regain full-time duty status, 2) Complete a college degree, 3) Get deployed to

Afghanistan and lead Marines "where the action is" against the Taliban. On an ongoing basis, Gunnery Sergeant Scott places high importance on taking his three young children into the great outdoors, teaching them to respect, understand and enjoy our natural world, and coach them to become responsible hunters and fishermen.

On May 1, he will board a plane in San Diego bound for B.C. Your SF Bay Area Chapter will cover his airfare, and I've secured a rental car sponsor. However, he needs to be well clad and equipped for the trip, e.g. clothing, boots, binocs, knife, small camera, etc. We also need a taxidermy



A special greeting from his son.

donation. I think many of our members would like to help provide these things. If you agree, please send your donations of any amount to Bev at our Chapter office. Fifty donations of only \$20 each would give us \$1,000 for clothing, accessories and a little spending money for the trip. There's no better way to express your thanks to this American Hero, and fellow hunter, than to support his trip.

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Glenn Chrisman

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All of you who attended last year's Fundraiser will remember my announcement that Ed Shields, owner of Deer Valley Ranch in Saskatchewan, Canada, had made an extremely generous 100% donation of an elk hunt for a wounded American serviceman. The hunt, which was to be filmed for TV, was for a bull of up to 340"!!! It then became my task to locate the right recipient somewhere in a military hospital, the VA system, or in a military installation scattered throughout the United States. Then again, he or she could have already been discharged and was back in civilian life. A very big haystack to look in!

Along with calling several of my local military contacts, I solicited the help of key members of SCI's own Veteran's Committee. The search quickly began with the help of an SCI Board Member and former Assistant Secretary of the Army, the founder of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, and representatives of the Wounded Warriors organization in Washington, D.C.

Many weeks later an extremely worthy recipient was identified and promptly approved by a committee representing both Chapters. Our vet was Sgt Jed Deloria, a member of the U.S. Army's vaunted 173rd Airborne Brigade who was (and still is) a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Sgt Deloria is a true American hero to whom we all owe a huge debt of gratitude for his sacrifice.

In June, 2007, Sgt Deloria's unit was deployed to Afghanistan to pursue the Taliban in the high mountains of the far north-east of the country near the China and Pakistan borders. Two months later, at 5:00AM on an August morning, Jed's outpost was suddenly hit by a human wave attack of 75-80 Taliban warriors. An RPG explosion severely injured Jed throughout his right side and collapsed the heavy structure down onto him just as he was also badly

shot in his left arm. Dealing with his wounds as best he could while struggling to remain conscious, Jed gathered his strength and began laying down fire as the Taliban swept

down the ridge toward the main concentration of his 22 man unit. He suddenly found himself behind enemy lines. After an intense two hour firefight, 17 Taliban lay dead,



Colorado Buck and Jed Deloria.

HEROIC ARMY PARATROOPER RECIPIENT OF DONATED ELK HUNT

including their leader. None of Jed's comrades were killed, but 10 more paratroopers were wounded. Recalling that day to me many months later, Jed observed simply and with a little humor, "yep, that was a pretty bad day" but, with genuine satisfaction, quickly added "but we did a pretty good job of driving off the attack and killing 17 of them".

Jed and the other wounded were rapidly evacuated out of the high mountains by helicopter and then airlifted to the U.S. hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. Many days later Jed was flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to undergo numerous surgeries and begin a long and continuing recovery program.

When I called Jed last spring to break the good news that he was going elk hunting and tell him a little bit about the trip, he said, "this is going to be a dream come true. I can hardly believe it!" Jed had previously explained that he was an enthusiastic target and recreational shooter with a nice gun collection, but joining the Army right out of high school hadn't allowed time to pursue hunting. However, his keen desire to do so was very obvious.

Jed quickly assured me that having to shoot left handed because his right eye had been blinded by the RPG blast would be "no problem at all" and that his arms had healed plenty strong enough to shoot a rifle.

Early last September, Jed and three other members of the U. S. military were warmly welcomed to Deer Valley by Ed Shields and TV personality, Colorado Buck, who would film the entire hunt for his series on the Sportsman's Channel. Two decorated

Marine Corps snipers would also hunt elk. The fourth military person was an Army Special Forces officer who had coordinated travel and logistics.

For his rifle, Jed chose a 300 Remington Ultra Mag from a collection of fine rifles available to guests at Deer Valley. I chided Jed about having probably chosen the heaviest caliber on the rack that was many times more powerful than the M-16 service rifle he was used to shooting. He laughed in agreement, but said he really liked shooting it and simply depended on his military training to adjust to shooting left handed and did just fine. Fine indeed! One of his groups at the range measured exactly 1/2"! With obvious pride, Jed added that he shot nearly as well as the Marine Corps snipers.

On day two of the hunt a heavy-racked bruiser of a bull that Deer Valley is famous for was spotted on the far side of heavy cover at 150 yards. The decision was made to use the cover and some higher ground to circle downwind in hopes of getting a clear shot. Finally, they belly-crawled into position at only 75 yards. Jed said, "by then my heart was REALLY pounding". Suddenly the bull sensed something was amiss and raised his head in full alert trying to identify the danger. Just as he lifted a hoof to wheel away, Jed made his dream come true with a perfect shoulder shot that dropped the great bull in his tracks. He stretched the tape to a full 340".

During the four day hunt the Marine snipers also took equally great bulls, one of them cleanly killed at 450 yards. Also successful were Scott Swasey and his son, Chris, who

attended last year's Fundraiser. After Chris had won the elk hunt donated by Ed Shields to our Junior Hunter program, Scott was high bidder for a 340" inch bull Ed had donated to our Live Auction. Once at Deer Valley, Scott upgraded his hunt and managed to take a monster 385 point bull to go with Chris's excellent 290 point bull. What a trophy for a 16 year old's first big game animal! And, what a great father/son experience.

Next thing up in our Chapter's support of our military is to send a wounded vet on a terrific fully donated black bear hunt in British Columbia this spring. Read the story about this elsewhere in this issue of Basecamp.

Glenn Chrisman

Chairman, Humanitarian Committee



Top: Jed and his hunting group.
Bottom: Another prize Deer Valley Ranch bull.

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CUBS SHOOTING PROGRAM

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Cubs in the field.

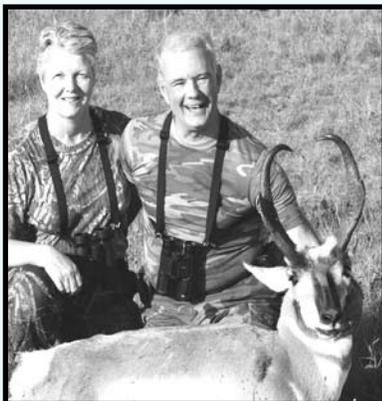


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WILD GAME DINNER & BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET

May 17, 2009

5:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant at 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

WILD GAME AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Trophies must have been taken in the calendar year 2008.
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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.
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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

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MEMBER UPDATE

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Having been involved in the chapter fundraiser for many years, I often get asked “What is your favorite destination?”. People expect that I will mention some exotic location in Mongolia or Africa, and are always seemingly a bit surprised when I mention Frontier Fishing Lodge on Great Slave lake in Northern Canada.

Adventure Safaris, Mr. Paul Merzig, and Wayne Witherspoon, owner of Frontier Fishing Lodge, have generously donated a fishing trip to this chapter for the last ten years or so, and everyone that has gone has had a wonderful, memorable time.

Since I solicit the donations for the chapter, I seldom bid at auction, to avoid any semblance of self-dealing, but every now and then I see something I just plain can't resist, and so I got the 2007 Frontier Fishing Lodge donation. (After you read this, I'll bet you'll wish you'd have bid on this, too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

I wanted to take my nephew fishing, as he had great interest, but little opportunity, balancing the demands of career, home, and three small kids. Frontier Fishing Lodge, a comfy, homey lodge on the beautiful shores of Canada's Great Slave Lake was my very first choice. It is known for great fishing, great guides, good food, fine boats, and lots of “Land-of-Sky-Blue-Waters” scenery.

Frontier is also a catch-and-release operation, as the water is so cold the fish grow no more than one-half pound a year, and the fishery must be respected and protected.

We arranged to go in late August, when schedules permitted, and, hopefully, the bigger lake trout would



A good “laker” to start things off.

come out of the protective depths of Great Slave Lake to spawn.

Well, by great good fortune my nephew, Steve, had the most amazing dose of “Beginner's Luck” on this trip I've ever seen! (Actually, this is, of course, not really “beginner's luck” so much as excellent guiding, good equipment, putting in your time, and a bit of envy.)

Steve's very first lake trout was a 30-inch twenty pounder—powerful, iridescent silver-green, with orange-red fins. We took pictures of the indignant trout, and placed him gently back into the frigid waters of Great Slave, where he swam off with a saucy flip of his (her?) tail.

It was remarkable--it seemed like every time Steve put his hook into the water, he got a hit. We had several fifty-fish-per-day days and we usually had a goodly representation of larger, husky twelve and thirteen pounders, plus some fifteen/sixteen pound fish..

Steve's next big fish was a wonderful, 43-inch thirty-two pounder, late on a rainy, foggy day. The fish came in slowly, with many runs, but when it saw the boat, it really dove, heading straight for the bottom. Twenty-pound test line sang off the level-wind reel, then slowed, and the big fish rested, right on the reef we were fishing over. Finally the drag wore the fish's enormous vitality, and it slowly allowed itself to be pumped to the surface. When we netted the fish, it was hard for the guide to lift the net into the boat, and an enormous tail stuck eighteen inches out of the net.

We were all stunned at the size of the huge trout, bigger than most salmon. We carefully measured the fish, took our pictures, and gently put him back into the 48-degree water, moving him gingerly forward and back to get the water flowing through his gills.

I responded masterfully (if I do say so myself!) by landing a beautiful twenty-nine pounder the next day. Wow!



The catch of the trip!

The ultimate fish came after a very slow afternoon. Nothing had bitten for at least two hours, then Steve’s rod bent straight down, and line again

sang off the reel. Steve’s rod bent at ninety degrees, and I was afraid it would shatter. The unseen monster ran under the boat, and Steve tried

to keep the line from rubbing on the strake of the boat.

Slowly the line stopped running out, and for a minute the rod hung motionless in an arc, as the fish swam against the drag. Slowly Steve began pumping it in, lifting the rod tip as much as possible, reeling it up, pumping again and again.

When the fish was finally in the net, the guide had to sit down, as even HIS knees were weak with the thrill of the event. A silvery, shiny 45-inch thirty-four pound TROUT was in the boat!!!!!! (pictures attached)

We once again treated the roughly eighty year-old giant with great care, making sure that it would survive to ensure future generations of these immense, hard-fighting fish.

We would have liked to have tried to catch another monster on the last day, but the winds had built five-foot waves on the 290-mile long lake, and we enjoyed a warm fire and bowls of delicious fish chowder.

It is always sad to leave Frontier Fishing Lodge, but this time in particular.

So, can anyone top this for a fish story???????????

NRA CLASSES

Mike Schrader is an NRA Instructor and Training Counselor working in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties since 2002. Mike is now teaching the NRA Basic pistol course monthly at the San Leandro Rifle and Pistol range.

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You can contact Mike Schrader for more information at 650.208.9366

ROCK SPRINGS CHAPTER HUNT

As a San Francisco Bay Area chapter member you are invited to join other members for a full two-day guided pig hunt at our friend and donor RS Bar Guest Ranch in Paicines, California.

We will arrive Friday the 29th of May mid-day, have lunch, hunt pigs in the afternoon, hunt again all day Saturday, and a half-day on Sunday.

RS Bar Guest Ranch manager and SFBA chapter member Jason Buman will host EIGHT hunters and a reasonable number of accompanying non-hunters at REDUCED rates of \$1000 for the chapter member hunter, and \$150 per day (\$300 for the weekend) for non-hunters.

This includes food, hotel-style lodging, guides (2 on 1), vehicles, AND THE TROPHY FEE FOR ONE PIG with tusks up to two inches. Trophy pigs over two inch tusks will be subject to a \$180 trophy fee.



Richard Papapietro and an RS Bar hog.

This is an exciting opportunity because the prior three weekends the ranch is booked by youth groups and trail-riding activities, so no one will have hunted the porkers for nearly a month -- the pigs should still be in prime condition and effectively unhunted. Please note that this weekend we would be the only hunters, and it doesn't conflict with Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Chapter Awards Dinner, etc, and is prior to most school graduations and the summer heat. Perfect!

Hunter Notes:

- The ranch is in the "lead-free" (condor) area so you should bring copper only ammo.
- This date (last weekend of May) is the last weekend of the current pig-tag period 2008-2009. By May,

vendors will have returned their unsold tags to DF&G for credit, SO YOU MUST GET THEIR PIG TAGS REALLY EARLY, WHILE THE CURRENT YEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE! You have to be on top of this.

Travel Information:

- RS Bar Guest Ranch is approximately 130 miles south of San Francisco
- From Oakland, the distance is approximately 120 miles
- Directions are on the RS Bar Ranch web site <http://www.rsbaranch.com/contact.html>

Non-hunter Information:

- For non-hunting companions there are plenty of opportunities at RS Bar for trail riding, road or mountain biking, day spa relaxation, and sporting clays.
 - Pinnacles National Monument is nearby for hiking or exploring the caves.
- Visit RS Bar Ranch website <http://www.rsbaranch.com> to see this 18,000 acre ranch and its attractive accommodations.

Registration Form:

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AB 962 BILL WOULD REGISTER BUYERS OF HANDGUN AMMUNITION

Recently introduced proposed legislation, AB 962 (De Leon), would require 1) that handgun ammunition buyers must make their purchases in person, not by mail order or the internet, 2) that handgun ammunition not be displayed by retailers in a location where customers can have access to it, thus necessitating that the retailer obtain it from storage upon a potential buyers specific request, 3) that retailers record and maintain information about the sale of ammunition and the buyer, 4) that retailers who sell more than one box (50 rounds) of handgun ammunition per month obtain a handgun ammunition sellers permit from the Department, and other related provisions that would be harmful to ammunition buyers.

AB 962 is unnecessary and is a burden to lawful retailers and lawful ammunition buyers. Those who would use firearms and ammunition illegally can, and do, easily obtain them from out of state sources or the local illegal underground marketplace. This bill would affect only lawful businesses and individuals. It would have no impact on criminals.

If AB 962 becomes law, it will not be long before further legislation is passed to apply it to all ammunition including rifle and shotgun cartridges, muzzle loading projectiles and bullets for reloading.

Its supporters are misinformed in their belief that criminals cannot easily and illegally buy handgun ammunition from non-dealer sources. They think that by requiring government issued permits to buy or sell ammunition there will be less violence and other crimes involving the illegal use of firearms. They are wrong.

You can help stop the proposed registration of ammunition buyers and sellers.

1. Please contact the author of AB 962, Assembly Member Kevin De Leon and the Assembly Committee on Public Safety to let them know that you are opposed to AB 962 for the reasons outlined above and for any additional reasons that are personal to you. Ask them to vote no on this bill. Their contact information is as follows:

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2. Write or call your own Assembly representative. He/She, if not listed above, can be found at the following website: <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/> or <http://192.234.213.69/lmapsearch/framepage.asp>.

3. Please fax copies of written or electronic communications with your legislator and the Assembly Committee on Public Safety to the firearms and ammunition retailer's legislative advocate, Ms. Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-7353.

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Top Left: Austen, in his 3rd year of duck hunting, who shot 6 Green Wing Teal and enjoyed them for dinner that night with Bob. **Top Right:** JP Puette at Gustine Duck Club. **Bottom Left:** Bob Puette with grandson Austen at Gustine Duck Club, which had a great year.

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