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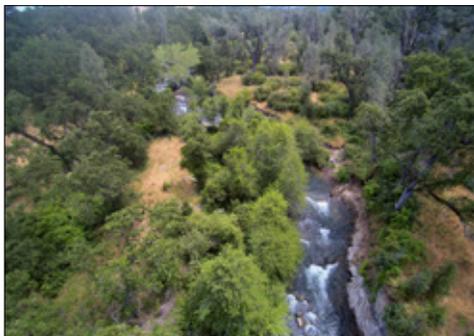
Cow Creek Ranch enjoys two stunning main homes built from logs: The primary home has a detached two car garage; an in-ground, heated pool surrounded by a large custom deck; a pool house with a kitchen area & bathroom and a large covered BBQ for grand cookouts. The second large home is near enough to share the pool and BBQ facilities and has a huge



detached garage for all your toys. Both have amazing panoramic views reaching all the way to Mt. Lassen.

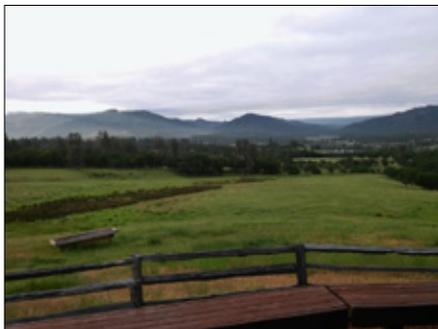
There is a 3/2 rental house with garage, a horse barn, paddocks, a lakeside round walker, a 108 x 266 Arena, a dog kennel & a shop. There are cattle squeeze chutes, a large storage building including walk-in cooler; a livestock scale, livestock shed, a working shaded area, a pole feed barn, fencing & cross-fencing, and a giant reservoir. There is also a hunter's cabin with a kitchen & bathroom; a butcher shop & walk-in cooler & a hay barn.

Wildlife is also abundant here and includes: Elk, Turkeys, Wild Hogs, Bears, Mountain lions, Deer and Quail. In addition, many other wild bird species are prolific. The ranch also enjoys abundant water from Cow Creek and ponds/reservoirs. This a legacy ranch that will be enjoyed for generations to come. Available for \$7,995,000



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello SFBA Friends and Family,

Here in California we are being hit hard with wildfires — out of the 27 current fires only 10 are considered “contained” as I write this. While we battle the fires throughout the west, the southeast U.S. is being hit hard by hurricanes and your chapter has pledged support through the SCI Hurricane Relief program. We have several friends of the chapter in Florida, Texas, and the Gulf states.

That is only one of the many charitable, humanitarian, and educational activities done by the Chapter on your behalf. This past year we have donated to several youth outdoor activities in the Bay Area, including the popular Ducks Unlimited Outdoor Day and the Boy Scouts. We have funded several veteran’s activities including the Purple Heart Anglers and veteran’s hunts (see page 15 for a story on the Wyoming hunt). And we’ve sent students to the AWLS program to provide them with a broad education in outdoor activities and the importance of hunting in conservation (see page 20). We have also donated to the CA Wardens Association, to the CA Legislature Sporting Caucus Trap Shoot (see page 22) and to the Salmon Acclimation Pen Program. On your behalf, we collected more than 1,000 pounds of wild game and fish to donate to the needed and for the 11th year we cooked and served those in need at the Salvation Army in San Jose (see page 24). Coming up we will again be collecting warm clothing for donation to the Samaritan House at the annual fall dinner (see page 14). We did not ignore support needed outside the state as we also contributed to the Chiredzi River Wildlife Trust conservation program.

You can be proud of your local membership as we do all this with your support. SCI at the national level continues to provide the leadership to be First for Hunters and First for Wildlife (SCI Foundation).

Close to my heart is the California big game hunting season which is just getting underway — deer, sheep, antelope, elk. I hope all of you have a tag to fill and maybe even a ‘special’ hunt planned — something you’ve dreamed of hunting or haven’t had the opportunity to hunt before. First and foremost I want everyone to be safe out there, and when you come back from your successful hunt please please write a short story and send it to us along with some pictures so we can share your story in the next BaseCamp.

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

Finally, do any of you have that one friend, buddy, pal, or acquaintance that is hemming and hawing about joining SFBA Chapter? Share your copy of BaseCamp with them and then invite just one person to join the chapter this year! It is you, the members, that keeps this chapter strong with your contributions of time, effort, and funds.

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

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MEMBER PHOTOS



Above left and right: Jeff and Stan Atwood with Dall's sheep on hunt with Tim and Jen Mervyn, Yukon, Canada.



Center: Tom and Lisa Mattusch at National Meeting in Tucson. Left: 22 lb eclipse day salmon with Tom Mattusch. Above: John Russell, San Jose, 31b yellow, 4 lb canary.



Above: Tequila testing with the DePalma Family.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**October 24 – 30, 2017**

Chapter Hunt at Arrow Five 2017  
in Northern California.

**October 29, 2017**

Annual Fall Appreciation Dinner  
at Izzy's Steakhouse, San Carlos



Above: HuliCat research trip.



Larry Lundberg, fishing in the Nushagak River caught this king salmon June fishing with Rainbow King Lodge. The Yentna River silver salmon were caught the second week in August fishing with McCougal Lodge. Pictured are: Larry, D. Baker, SCI member Jim Denning and SCI member Tom Zenahlik. Continuing with the summer Alaska fishing, later in August we were fishing out of Seward with Grande Alaska Lodge and JDock Sportfishing. Pictured are M. Bell, D. Baker and Larry. All trips were booked at the SCI convention and I can recommend all three lodges.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI – BY BUCK BUCHANAN

Buck Buchanan, hunting with SS Pro Safari, has a story to tell and you'll be reading in the next issue since he is currently hunting pronghorn. Some guys have all the luck! Buck had a great hunt and made friends with the SS Pro team, who were very professional after having lost Scott van Zyl during the summer.



## VOLUNTEER SHOOTERS TO THIN GRAND CANYON BISON HERD

GRAND CANYON, AZ – The National Park Service (NPS) will work with cooperating agencies and partners to reduce the size of the bison herd on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park (Park). The herd is approximately 400 to 600 animals and will be reduced over the next three to five years to fewer than 200 by lethal culling utilizing skilled volunteers and non-lethal capture and transfer to cooperating agencies and tribes.

Given the current distribution, abundance, density, and the expected growth of this herd, the NPS is concerned about increased impacts on park resources such as water,

vegetation, soils, archaeological sites, and values such as visitor experience and wilderness character. Reducing the herd size will protect Park resources and values.

NPS biologists estimate that the herd has grown from approximately 100 bison, brought to the House Rock Wildlife Area in the early 1900s, to between 400 to 600 bison. Biologists predict that the herd could grow to nearly 800 in the next three years and be as large as 1200 to 1500 animals within 10 years without further management actions to control the size of the herd.

While some animals will be relocated from the Canyon, others



will be lethally removed. The overall objective? Eliminate at least 400 of the bison, leaving roughly 200 in the park's northern region.

NPS is currently deciding how hunters will apply for this opportunity.

The twang of a tight line being suddenly released followed a nicked size 4 hook flying past my head as I did another long-distance release of a tail walking Dorado (Mahi Mahi). It did not seem to faze the captain or my friend Mark while we were busily pursuing a school of feeding Mahi Mahi from a panga just outside La Paz, Mexico in the Sea of Cortez. Over the past few years fishing has been down in the area due to el Nino. It seems like the effects of this weather pattern has all but dissipated. We were on a quick three-day light tackle fishing trip and the action was non-stop. Our Captain Blas, of The Baja Mosquito Fleet/ Cortez Club said that the Mahi Mahi fishing is some of the best he has seen.

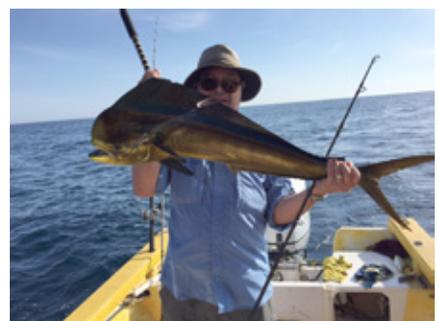
This was my third fishing trip to La Paz in the last years. In the past, we caught more variety including striped marlin, pargo, bonita, wahoo, and more. Nevertheless, in the past, the fishing was very slow. We would pick up a few dorado but schools were elusive. Fishing was down partly due to the lack of bait in the area. Predatory fish follow the schools of bait. This trip, both the bait and fish were back!

We planned to fish for dorado for two days and go after marlin on the third on this trip. A storm in the Gulf of Mexico dictated that we go after dorado and stay close to the harbor on the last day. The water was flat a glass when we left port in the 26' panga. After about a hour, the waves started getting rough and going to the marlin grounds would not have been wise. Panga fishing is one of my favorite ways to fish the Sea of Cortez. They are designed for the calm waters of the area, not rough seas.

La Paz is a great place to visit. There is a local airport with service from southern California. Most visitors fly into Cabo and take a 2-2.5-hour shuttle ride to La Paz. The town is the capitol of Baja California Sur and was originally established by Cortez



in 1535. Lodging and restaurant options are plentiful and the town is American friendly. There are lots of fishing, diving, snorkeling, and other water sport options available at a reasonable price. Gang violence is mostly in the Cabo area and there seemed no shortage of police and marine patrols to keep the place safe. It seems like fishing in La Paz is becoming a yearly event and I look forward to returning in the future.



It can be tough to be a hunter these days. As the U.S. becomes more urban, fewer and fewer understand or accept hunting as a legitimate or ethical sport. It is estimated that only 7% of the U.S. population participates in any kind of hunting activity. As hunters we are all subject to questions and criticism, and nowhere is that more prevalent than the internet. When hunters attack fellow hunters online, it becomes particularly disturbing.

As a new business owner I was looking for ways to market my ranch and the great hunts we have to offer. At a recent Wildlife Association Conference, I spoke to several individuals in the hunting industry to inquire on what was working best for them. Several advised that Facebook was the most effective, least expensive, and farthest reaching media available. Following the advice, I did some research and figured out how to create and post my first promo using Facebook. The Starry Night Ranch Facebook business site I created is a public site which means anyone can view it. I used filters to only display to Facebook users whom have indicated they are interested

in hunting. I knew this could be risky as you never know who may ultimately see your information or your page and how they may react. What I was most concerned about was being discovered and cyber attacked by some anti-hunting group. I achieved my goals of reaching a broader audience and creating brand awareness. I had lots of “likes” on my ad and received some good, encouraging comments. Traffic to my Facebook page and web site increased significantly. However, I also received some comments that were negative and some that were downright personal attacks. This was not too surprising. I had already mentally prepared myself for the typical online backlash from the cyber bullying society we live in. We have way too many anonymous, or impersonal displays of anger in online media and it only seems to get worse.

What did catch me off guard was the number of negative comments I was receiving from fellow hunters. I should not have been shocked though as I am aware there are some hunters who do not support the idea of a high fenced ranch. I found there was significant misinformation or incorrect assumptions regarding the typical high fence operation. It was evident that individuals were reacting without real experience or knowledge of hunting on a high fence property, or even hunting in Texas. Some believed that because this was a high fence ranch it was too easy to be called “real hunting”. Here is one of the more amusing comments I received; “It would be about as stimulating as going out

to Grandma’s barn and shooting her old Jersey milk cow.” I will not post some of the other comments I received as they were in very poor taste. I am sure these individuals have never hunted a mature buck in the Texas brush. On our ranch we had two deer in the past that we identified to cull that took two years to get them on the ground. The only reason I knew one of them was on the ranch was from trail cam photos. There is a reason most trophy whitetail hunts are for multiple days and not one afternoon.

Others assumed that we were achieving our results of 200 inch plus trophy deer by purchasing bucks at a deer breeder facility and releasing them on the ranch just before hunting season. This has become a practice on a few ranches but is not the model of most high fence ranches. Most ranches are high fenced in Texas in order to properly manage the deer population with the goal of having big deer. This prevents the neighbors or the hunters they lease to from shooting a deer before it matures. Fences are not built for the purpose of making it easier to hunt. At our ranch the bucks are born on the ranch and, if they show the right potential, grow to maturity on the ranch. No breeder pens or artificial insemination or other controlled breeding methods.

This experience reminded me of an article I recently read on the SCI International web site. The title of the article was “SCI President Calls for Unity Among Hunting Community”. The basis of the article was that SCI

had recently published standards for fair chase hunting.

These standards include the following requirements:

- The animals hunted must have freely resided on the property on which they are being hunted for at least six months, or longer.
- The hunting property shall provide escape cover that allows the animals to elude hunters for extended periods of time and multiple occurrences. Escape cover, in the form of rugged terrain or topography, and/or dense thickets or stands of woods, shall collectively comprise at least 50% of the property.
- The animals hunted must be part of a breeding unit that is a resident on the hunted property.
- The operators of the preserve must provide freely available and ample amounts of cover, food, and water at all times.
- Animals that are to be hunted must exhibit their natural flight/survival instincts.

Myself, like most outfitters and hunters, believe in and support these standards. There is nothing in these standards that mentions the presence of a fence. The high fence ranches I have experienced, including my own ranch, maintain these standards of fair chase.

Over the years I have witnessed many biases in hunting. I once elk hunted with an outfitter in Montana who believed modern camo was an unfair

advantage. There are some who believe true hunting is only using a bow and arrow. I remember a year after injuring my shoulder I showed up with a cross-bow at a ranch I was leasing with friends. A long time hunting buddy looked at me like I had just committed a horrible sin. He proclaimed those “blankly blank” bows should be outlawed. Hunting has evolved over the years. We now have precision rifles that are capable of accurately shooting hundreds of yards. If it weren’t for the smoke you would have a hard time recognizing the modern day muzzleloader. Where allowed we use ATV’s to get us deeper into the woods and get our game back to camp without a two-day pack out. We have ranches with breeder facilities for deer, elk, bison and many exotics. Whether any of these advancements in the hunting industry are good or bad is a matter of opinion and choice. Does it make you less of a hunter if you use an ATV versus a horse or walk-in and out? It certainly can change the level of adventure and physical challenge. Hunting a private ranch usually offers greater chance at quality game. This is especially true when the ranch owner has the ability to properly manage the game on the ranch.

Modern equipment and ranching practices can make it easier, more comfortable, and increase success rates. This does not mean it is not “real” hunting. Hunters have a choice on what to hunt and what style of hunt to participate in, including level of difficulty and challenge they prefer. As long as outfitters and hunters are following all local game laws, they should

be able to make choices on what, where, and how. This includes choices of public versus private, or high fence versus no fence. It is a choice, just like the type of weapon you use, the camo you prefer, or the transportation you use. Are you not a “true hunter” if you take advantage of modern advancements in hunting and game management? We are so fortunate to have these choices.

Social media is beginning to change the landscape of society. The fundamental right to freedom of speech is being threatened by the extreme bullying of those with strong differing opinions. Civility in conversation is lost in the virtual world of social media. We now have access to more information faster than ever before. Unfortunately, incorrect or misinformation flows just as quickly. Social media is and will continue to change the hunting industry. When we make a choice to be a hunter, we risk virtual attacks from organized anti-hunting organizations or individuals with opposing values. Let’s not make this problem worse by attacking fellow hunters based on our choices.

Robert Emmons  
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I went to Wyoming to hunt Antelope with Lisa. It was self guided, to an area neither one of us had ever been to or heard of. Dwight and Edie Ortmann had hunted that area a couple years ago, so we thought we would give it a try. We put in for the early season, as Lisa is hitting the busy part of her work with open enrollment. We drew two Type I (Any Antelope), Area 89, tags.

With tags in hand, we were off for an adventure and road trip. We stayed at the Marbleton Inn in Marbleton, by Big Piney, which was quite nice. There are only a few other motels in town and a few restaurants. We arrived one day early, did a little scouting, mostly to get to know the roads and not get totally lost opening morning. While visiting Marbleton Liquors and chatting with Kelly who owns the liquor store, complete with a drive-up window, a fellow comes by with a nice 6x6 elk he took with a bow. He said he had three wolves and some mountain lions around him only 5 - 6 miles away. We enjoyed a nice dinner and drinks at The Bench, a restaurant attached to the motel.

Then the moment of truth arrived, it was opening day. The area was so clear and such wide open spaces, I took the first shot and missed. I saw



a buck walking through sagebrush and knew it was going over the hill to disappear, but no, it walked under the ridge line

and kept getting closer. It would walk and graze, head a little up and a little down the hillside. It saw us, we saw it. After watching it for roughly 15 minutes, I couldn't stand it. Got out the sticks, took a shot, kicked up dirt under its front foot. Clearly misjudged the distance, estimated 100-200 yards, I ranged it after the shot trying to figure how I missed, 485 yards! The shot got the attention of a hundred or so more, they cleared off an alfalfa field over some low hills onto to more BLM land. Lisa and I walked quite a bit to get the lay of the land and to see if once we got to the top of the bench, we would see more. Ironically, a flat field where we saw none earlier, had 5 animals later when we weren't prepared, but at 600 yards. I don't pretend to be a long range shooter and don't enjoy long range shots. I like seeing the animals up close. I met the local Game Warden, nice fellow, who said he saw the group we spooked, as he drove in. The Warden actually referred us to a landowner who wanted to reduce the number of antelope consuming his alfalfa.



We made a couple stalks, never got in good position. Found a nice buck with 4 or 5 others, snuck up a hill thinking we would come down on them. Found them textbook style and moved to get in better position. When we looked again, the earth has swallowed them up! Not a trace of them in the entire valley and we didn't see them exit either direction. We moved on to another area, glassing rolling hills. I spotted two bedded down, Lisa put her 7mm08 on the mark and fired. I heard the hit, but the animal disappeared. One ran away so I watched the spot where I last saw it and sent Lisa for the truck. I walked a little closer and saw a patch of white behind a bush. As she drove up with the truck, I said "Congratulations!" and she was successful. Lisa was understandably ecstatic, early first morning of opening day and she harvested her first antelope. I was just finishing cleaning hers and packing the truck and looked up - there was another one watching us! 220 yards ranged (this time), shot was good from my

7mm. Back at the motel by 2pm with two antelope in the cooler!

Now more eating, drinking and enjoying the area. We found Hog Island Meat Company in Daniel, WY, where we dropped off the meat and then had dinner at The Den, which was really a great place to eat and drink. The next day we picked up the meat after lunch at The Den and visiting the Mountain Man Museum in Pinedale. We picked up dry ice at Wal-Mart in Evanston, WY and drove home.

We left Friday morning and were home Tuesday evening with meat cut and wrapped. On the way there, we stopped in Wendover, staying at the Pepper Mill on the way there and Montego Bay on the way home. Lots of good restaurants (except JB's in Evanston), cocktails but after adding everything up for fuel, food, lodging, meat prep, tags, touring, museum fees, we were under \$2000 for both of us. It seriously galls me what some outfitters are charging us hunters to hunt.

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By the time this appears in BaseCamp I'll be back from another trip to Wyoming where twelve disabled veterans were hosted to a truly remarkable long weekend of antelope hunting and fishing ... and being honored for their service. The event is put together by Hunting With Heroes (HWH), a Wyoming based organization that conducts hunts for a variety of game around the state. There is, however, a major focus on antelope because of the greater availability of tags and ease of conducting those hunts. This story is about the 2016 antelope hunt near Riverton, WY to which I was again invited to bring three disabled vets sponsored by our Chapter.

Last year HWH hunted 185 disabled vets beginning with the Korean War. It would be nice to hit the 200 mark this year, but the real goal of every hunt is for every vet to have an absolutely great time in the field and then return home knowing they are genuinely appreciated and have been sincerely thanked for their service. Thanks to the incomparable hospitality they experience at Riverton by the large group of volunteers, the event has literally been life-changing for some of the participants. Two of the men our Chapter has sponsored have moved to Wyoming as a result.

The entire HWH program is based on an excellent program by the WY Dept. of Game and Fish which allows landowners and anyone else who draws a tag for any specie to donate their tags back to the DGF for vets. These tags will then be reissued at no cost to a veteran with an official VA disability rating of at least 50%. Such vets must be sponsored by a recognized organization such as SCI. That's where we come in by providing air line tickets incidental expenses, and handle each vet's paperwork. I also give each vet we sponsor a subscription to "Wyoming Wildlife", an excellent magazine



published by the DGF since 1936.

All of the above costs money, of course. Thankfully, American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City, and Post 409 in San Bruno generously supported this program. We are deeply appreciative of their contributions. It couldn't have happened without them.

For the 2016 hunt I invited three very deserving young vets, hunters all, who answered freedom's call and paid dearly for their service to our nation. They were: Sean from Ukiah who was a Marine "tanker" who

first served as a communications specialist and a loader in M1A1 Main Battle Tanks. He later transferred to a combat engineers unit in Afghanistan. Andrew, from Tracy, was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician in the U S Army in Afghanistan. EOD Techs have one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. He survived six major explosions and lived to tell about it. Jonathan was in a U S Army combat engineer in Iraq. Many of you will remember my introducing these fine men at our Fundraiser in March. You will also remember my telling that Jonathan was shot completely through his torso in an intense fire-fight and collapsed from loss of blood. Fortunately he was spotted and then miraculously saved by Army Medics.

Like the vets in the 2014 and 2015 Wyoming hunts, none of these men had ever hunted antelope. Of course, that added some special anticipation to the event. After being met in the Casper airport and making the long drive to Riverton, Sean, Jonathan and I quickly checked into the hotel, located Andrew, who had driven with his new companion dog, from Tracy, CA, and then headed out to get acquainted over some

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prime Wyoming rib-eye steaks. The following morning we met the other 9 vets for breakfast and then headed to a terrific sporting goods store for fishing licenses and some last minute purchases of things left behind or “I always wanted one of these” items. A convoy of vehicles soon formed up and headed out of town for “camp” at a place called North Portal about 20 miles away. The last time I searched on Google it wasn’t there so don’t bother looking. But it actually does exist in a lovely valley full of alfalfa, corn, beans, etc which supports an excellent population of antelope with genes that produce a surprising number of above average bucks, including occasional “monsters”. Participating ranchers had agreed among themselves to allow only the vets to hunt on their ranches over opening weekend. So, with the exception of a small amount of public land, the vets “owned” the valley, with each vet and his guide

having large areas to themselves that had been well scouted prior to the opener. I’ve nicknamed it “Magic Valley” because of all the restorative things that happen there, both in and out of “camp”, to those who have given so much of themselves both physically and psychologically. For these hunters, taking a fine buck is an important part of that for sure, but in no way is it all of that. Not at his event.

Once at North Portal we were shown our accommodations and then treated to a hearty lunch. The afternoon was spent shooting clay pigeons, driving around on ATV’s and for the 12 vets to get acquainted. As you’d expect, bull sessions rapidly developed and many things in common were quickly discovered. This continued over some of the world’s best BBQ and heaping portions of other rib-stickin’ food for dinner. The Chairman of the event, the manager of a large tractor and farm implements business in

Riverton, then offered some very sincere words of welcome and what would happen the following day leading up to that almost sacred day .... the opening of hunting season two days later.

After a good night’s sleep and a leisurely breakfast, a convoy of pickups formed to transport everyone to a nearby ranch for a great sighting-in session on the owner’s excellent rifle range. A variety of rifles in many calibers were available to try out. There were many standard 100 yd targets plus various targets out to 600 yds. But the ultimate challenge was a 48” square steel target at 1 mile!!! Sean, Andy and Jonathan all hit it, as had “our” three veterans the previous year. One of them hit it with a 24 ft hold-over with his bolt action .308 rifle!!! It was a point of pride for everyone who made that shot because not all participants achieved it by any means. 1 mile equals 1,740 yds folks! But, keep in mind that the current distance record for a confirmed

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kill by a sniper in Afghanistan is 2,750 yds!!! It's hard to imagine that distance. The shot was made by a Canadian Special Forces sniper.

At dinner that night the buffet table seemed even longer and I could feel anticipations rising. Guys paid close attention to what the Chairman had to say about the plan for opening day. Guides and vets began pairing off and getting to know each other over cups of a golden liquid from a big keg, or dessert, or both. "Our" guys were right in step with the spirit of the moment. In particular, Andrew was getting wonderfully animated and keyed up. Two additional men had really caught my attention since arriving. One, named Omar, from Texas, had suffered a foot amputation only a week before the hunt. But that wasn't about to keep him from coming. He arrived with a big new wheelchair and a smile on his face. Omar is blessed with a vibrant, fun-loving personality and a great sense of humor. The other, an Army vet named Jim, had come out from Wisconsin on a two-month trip. His wife was doing all the driving because, Jim, was a victim of ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's disease.. It was their last long trip and, very likely, Jim's last hunting trip. He had taken a nice black bear near Jackson Hole before the antelope hunt. After their excellent time at North Portal they drove to Meeteetse, WY in hope of taking a cow elk.

Just like most opening days I've ever experienced, I was the first one on my feet having not slept at all well. I quietly dressed then slipped out and headed for the kitchen in hopes coffee had already been made. It had!!! So I walked outside

into the dark to await the new day and fill my lungs with that pure, chilly, crystalline air with hints of sagebrush and alfalfa. With my hands wrapped around that warm mug I witnessed an amazing sight. Due east, a very thin red line was starting to form on the horizon. Above it were millions of stars sparkling against a black velvet backdrop. Then, turning 180 degrees to the west, I was startled to see an enormous full silver moon against the same black velvet backdrop surrounded by millions of more stars. I hadn't seen skies that dramatic since my last trip to Africa. No camera yet invented could capture it all.

Within minutes the dining area began filling up with hungry hunters, guides, drivers and support staff as everyone stacked their plates high from steaming trays of bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, oatmeal, etc, etc. After a short time individual hampers brim full of great lunch items and bottled water were distributed to the vets while a chorus of truck engines began roaring to life. In a very short time it was quiet again as the hunting rigs all left camp to fan out in predetermined directions. Sean and Jonathan were going together in a large vehicle with room for me so away we went with two eagle eyed hosts. One of them worked for the county. His job was to make sure the water supply to ranches from the aqueduct which provides water to the whole valley was unobstructed and flowing properly. So he was out early every morning doing just that .... and keeping track of antelope. So we immediately headed for a remote

corner of a large alfalfa field miles away where he had been seeing an excellent buck with a large harem of does. They had been letting him routinely drive by within 100 yds of them .... but not that morning. The plan was to let Jonathan jump out a reasonable distance away and then keep slowly driving so Jonathan could stalk closer on his hands and knees or on his belly and then take a well placed shot. It was a good plan, but on that day the antelope weren't buying it. When they spotted the truck driving slowly toward them they immediately became very nervous and then took off into the hills bordering the fields. The "ditch watcher", a serious hunter himself, couldn't believe it and was very disappointed that Jonathan didn't get a shot.

Moving on, we later arrived at another ranch where the owner was very enthusiastic about the vet's hunt. It was Sean's turn to try to punch his tag. After many minutes of driving and assessing the size of a few bucks with our binocs, we arrived at a field that contained a truly exceptional buck along with a lesser buck and several does. He was bigger than any of the 30—35 bucks I've taken over as many years of hunting them. Jonathan, and I and the driver stayed way back with the truck while Sean and our main guide, Denny, crouched over and crept slowly behind very scarce cover to the edge of the field, then went prone and moved a little further. The antelope were nervous and seemed confused as Sean waited for a side-on shot. Then suddenly, the big buck broke into a semi-circular run as the smaller buck, who was



some distance away, started sprinting toward him and crossed his path. When that happened Sean lost track of the big one and followed the smaller one in his scope. With the big buck completely out of his field of vision to the right, Sean dropped the smaller buck with a perfect shot as soon as it stopped. My heart sank as one of the biggest bucks I've ever seen disappeared across the field. So we loaded up Sean's first-ever antelope and headed toward another ranch to give Jonathan another chance.

Soon, we arrived at a ranch I clearly remembered from the first trip. It seemed to always hold antelope. The ranch was owned and worked by a popular and energetic woman who strongly supported the hunting program. Sure enough we soon spotted a big buck with his harem on the far side of an alfalfa field. Since there was really no way to get around to there without a long time-consuming hike, Jonathan decided to attempt a long shot of nearly 400 yds with a borrowed rifle. It was a clean miss which, of course, put

the antelope on high alert and they moved even farther away. We then headed elsewhere to another huge field of alfalfa which held a pair of bucks, one of which Jonathan decided to try for. Once again three of us held back while Jonathan and Denny made their approach. Thanks to some undulations in the land they were able to close the distance more than I thought possible and Jonathan made a good shot on a nice buck. Denny knew of a good place well off the highway where we could field dress the animals and refresh ourselves with drinks and an excellent lunch of chicken tortillas, chips, etc, etc. Finally we loaded up and drove back to North Portal, anxious to see how the other hunters had done. Five other hunters had punched their tags with nice bucks. Two were well above average.

The first great hunting story we heard was about Omar. He had gone out before first light with the owner of the Lucid Optical Company, a Riverton based optics company that manufactures superb scopes and binoculars. Barely at first light,

they spotted an outstanding buck. With a single perfectly placed shot from a finely zeroed Savage rifle and prescription handloads in 28 Nosler caliber. Omar dropped that buck in his tracks at exactly 800 yds!!! Next we learned what had happened to Jim. Because of his disabilities from ALS, Jim has a permit to shoot from a seated position from the back floor of their van with the sliding door open. He had a custom built rifle that fits a rifle rest that's attached to the low chair he sits in. To fire it he blows into a rubber tube which activates a battery powered solenoid which pulls the trigger. With an exceptional buck in his sights soon after sunrise, Jim blew in the tube ..... and nothing happened!! Imagine his disappointment. But, not to worry. A rifle with a very light trigger pull was located and adjustments were made to his shooting position so that he could use his one arm with enough strength left in it to pull a trigger.

After hearing those exciting reports, Andrew finally showed up in camp dirty, sweaty and tired but committed to go out again the following morning and find the buck that had led him on a mile after mile chase for hours on end, but never giving him a decent shot. He told me he was "determined" to get that buck because of it's size and unique spread and vowed "I won't quit until I do". They left in the dark the following morning and drove back to the place where they last saw him. When the light level came up a little bit they spotted an antelope in the road ahead of them that wasn't him. As it got a bit brighter they spotted another buck off the road about 125 yds away that was him!!! What are the chances???

I told Andrew that I imagined the buck was holding a “shoot me” sign because he knew you wouldn’t give up. Let’s face it, EOD Techs are a special breed.

Not long after that, across the valley, Jim put his crosshairs on a great buck and squeezed the trigger. He had just killed the biggest of all 12 bucks which won him the “Biggest Buck” belt buckle I had made from an elk antler coronet with a gold-plated antelope head mounted on it. He also won a shoulder mount of his superb buck which officially scored 80 inches. It was the first buck in four vet hunts, involving 41 hunters, to break the 80 inch mark.

The dinner Saturday night is always something very special, and we didn’t tell them much about it before hand. But when upwards of 300 people from town start showing up they got the idea that something pretty special was going to happen. The vets were seated together up front. A uniformed color guard then arrived and everyone stood to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. A uniformed Chaplain prayed a blessing on the event. Then the flag ceremony was perfectly presented to explain what every fold of the flag represents. It was followed by a beautifully performed “echo” arrangement of Taps by two trumpeters who, very appropriately, left most of the audience and the vets in tears as we remembered family members, friends and all others who fell in battle and, as President Lincoln said “gave their last full measure of devotion” for their country. We must never forget them.

Then a fine slide presentation

was shown which featured photos and some personal information about each veteran. Next came the distribution of some great raffle items to the vets. Knives, Bog Pods, clothing items, sun glasses, etc, etc. Lots of excellent items caught them by surprise and made them all very happy. He also announced that every vet would receive a handsome skull mount of his trophy. That was followed by a wonderful presentation of beautiful hand-made quilts crafted by the local members of Quilts of Valor. Every vet was asked before the program began to choose his favorite quilt from a spectacular display of 30-35 quilts. For the presentation each vet was asked to step up by name and have his quilt, folded lengthwise, draped over his shoulders. Those were very special moments. On the open market, those quilts sell for about \$500 each. I have yet to hear of a wife who didn’t cry when she saw the quilt her husband brought home. They are works of art made with great love, respect and appreciation for every recipient.

I should also mention that the buffet table had gotten longer, much longer, as homemade pies, cakes, cookies, casseroles, etc were brought out from town for the dinner. The main course was ribs and brisket that had been put in a big temperature controlled smoke oven at 10:00PM the preceding evening. They were slow cooked for maybe 11 hours over a mixture of hickory, cherry and alder pellets, then kept warm to mellow out for dinner. Absolutely world class!!!

Before dawn on Sunday the five vets who hadn’t filled their tags on opening day, headed out and got the job done with quality bucks,



especially Andy and Jim who I described earlier. With the hunters gone, it was time for anyone who wanted to go fishing, sightseeing, do more target shooting, shoot prairie dogs, ride ATVs, or take siestas. I opted to go fishing with two Wyoming vets courtesy of a great volunteer and his son who have an excellent boat with rods for everyone. A couple hours later we were back in camp with several fat largemouth bass. Their delicious fillets added something new to the seemingly inexhaustible buffet table for dinner. Dinner that night was a very happy but mellow time compared to the night before. The last night in camp can be like that. By then some great new friendships had formed and guys were talking enthusiastically about what had happened over the past three days. As always, the vets were very generous with their expressions of appreciation and many statements of “I’ve never been on a trip like this before” were heard. Some men were deeply and permanently affected by all they had experienced, especially the straight-from-the-heart hospitality. One of “our” vets put it this way two years ago when he said “I’ve never met people like these before. Heck, I never knew before that people like these even existed”. That’s Wyoming for you, and especially a very large group of wonderful patriotic people in Riverton.

## 2017 AWLS STUDENTS

This year we had three students attend the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Jackson Wyoming.

Sending students and teachers to AWLS each year is one of the core goals that we have in the SF Bay Chapter. Our target is at least two students and two teachers each year. This year we weren't able to identify a teacher with time available.

The following are reflections from this year's students. If you know of a student (16-18) or teacher that you would like to see attend AWLS, please contact Diane Sheardown (diane.sheardown@gmail.com).



*Thank you for the opportunity to expand my knowledge as a conservationist. The American Wilderness Leadership School has provided me with essential skills and knowledge that I will use the rest of my life.*

*Camping and hiking the Wyoming landscape was an exhilarating experience. The camp was fun and very eventful. The bonds I made with the other students are those that will last a life time.*

*Thank you, again, for sponsoring me and making it possible for me to experience all that AWLS offers.*

*Sincerely,  
Harrison S. Atwood*



*AWLS camp sounded fun when my parents first told me about it. I took on this adventure with my cousin Harrison not knowing the others there or what to expect. When we showed up at the camp, we were basically the last kids to get there. Harrison and I quickly made friends and realized that this was going to be fun. The deal was that we had to get up early in the morning and we didn't have much time to rest. By the end of the day, most of the campers were exhausted.*

*The camp overlooks an area with a river and plenty of vegetation for wildlife.*

*Some of the activities we did were archery, shooting, field studies, learning in the classroom and very long hikes. The highlight of my trip was hiking up to a rock where we could see the whole valley. The hike was almost too far for some of us but the view was worth all of the struggle. I appreciate the opportunity and the experience that I had is one I'll never forget. I found it very educational but I most appreciated the people I met and the memories I will always have.*

*Mason Nevis*



*My time at AWLS was one of the best weeks of my life. I took part in the program to learn about wildlife preservation, such as recent decisions to delist the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Grizzly bear from the endangered species list. An assigned research report is given to every student as well as a partner. I was appointed to be the "Chief Legal Counsel for Fish and Wildlife," where I researched and learned much about the delisting of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Grizzly Bears.*

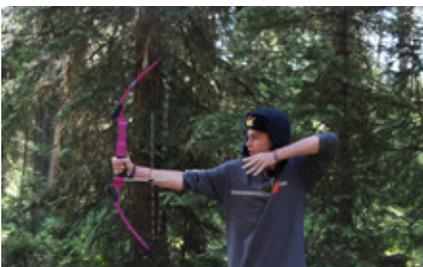
*Activities such as research reports were very interesting and informative, but we also did many other great outdoor activities, that personally I believe every hunter and/or outdoorsmen should do at least once a week. Such as learning how to cast flies, as well as how to tie my own flies so I can fish anywhere in the world.*

*Wyoming is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been. I personally do not enjoy taking photographs but I filled my storage with photos! Rafting, and shooting clays over the nice sunny days in Wyoming were sure something to remember.*

*I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to those of the SCI Foundation, and the SF Bay Area Chapter, that supports young hunters and wildlife activists such as myself to attend camps such as this.*

*Sincerely, Drew Davidson*

2017 AWLS STUDENTS



## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE OUTDOOR SPORTING CAUCUS TRAP SHOOT

For the fourth year, your chapter sponsored the 2017 California State Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus Trap Shoot, held August 30th at the Cordova Shooting Center. I am very pleased to say that -- by all accounts -- this year's event was a great success! With over 20 Assembly Members and Senators signed up for the first time, I believe this year's event had the largest turnout ever from the target audience of State Legislators and key Capitol staff.

In addition to introducing those who determine California's firearm policy to the safe, sane and long-term tradition of our shooting sports, this year's event also served to educate them about the many contributions and benefits the hunting community provides to our wildlife resources and their habitats. Of equal importance, this year's event also helped build awareness, support of, and membership in our Outdoor Caucus -- an assemblage of State Legislators who care about policy decisions which protect and promote the traditions of hunting, fishing and other wildlife-dependent recreation in California.

The annual California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus Trap



**From Left to Right:** Assembly Member Travis Allen (R72/Huntington Beach), Assembly Member Devon Mathis (R26/Visalia), Assembly Member Frank Bigelow (R05/O'Neals), Senator Tom Berryhill (R08/Modesto), Assembly Member Steven Choi (R68/Irvine), Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D11/Oakley), Senator Bill Dodd (D03/Davis), Assembly Member Evan Low (D28/Campbell), Assembly Member Matthew Harper (R74/Huntington Beach), Senator Joel Anderson (R38/Alpine), Assembly Member Donte Acosta (R38/Santa Clarita), Assembly Member Marc Steinorth (R40/Rancho Cucamonga).



Shoot is intended to play a pivotal role in protecting and promoting California's hunting and shooting traditions for generations to come to enjoy. With the outstanding turnout we had this year, I believe it is safe to say that -- with the generous financial assistance of SF Bay Area SCI -- our 2017 Caucus Trap Shoot certainly accomplished that goal.





**AB 573 (Bigelow) – Depredation: Wild Pigs** AB 573 by Assembly Member Frank Bigelow (R/05-O’Neals) remains a “spot bill” introduced to provide a vehicle for language being developed by the Fish and Game Commission (FGC), in concert with DFW and interested stakeholders. The overall intent of the bill is to make it easier for landowners to control wild exotic pigs and the extensive damage they do to public and private lands.

The primary concern of SCI and the hunting community in this effort is to maintain and enhance wild pig hunting opportunity, and to increase the use of hunting as a landowner management tool for controlling wild pig populations. Also of concern is maintaining the roughly \$1 million per year the sale of pig tags currently provides to the Big Game Management Account which benefits deer, elk, antelope and wild sheep.

At their September 2017 meeting, FGC Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) co-chairs Commissioners Anthony Williams and Russ Burns voted to bring forward a recommendation to the full FGC that includes reclassifying wild pigs as an “exotic game” animal, and elimination of pig tags in favor

of an annual pig “validation”. If approved by the FGC and agreed to by Assembly Member Bigelow, this language will be amended into AB 573 and considered by the State Legislature in 2018.

**AB 8 (Bloom) – Depredation Permit: Mountain Lions** The California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (approved by the California public on the June 1990 ballot) made it illegal to hunt mountain lions, but did authorize issuance of a depredation permit to those whose property was being damaged by a lion. The Act requires DFW to issue the permit if the damage is confirmed. AB 8 by Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D/50-Santa Monica) proposed to amend the Act to provide DFW with more latitude in whether to issue the permit.

Knowing that AB 8 would require a 4/5th vote to pass, Assembly Member Bloom pulled the bill in favor of trying to address his concerns administratively by working with DFW. In late August 2017, DFW began what will be a series of meetings with stakeholders in the hope of reaching consensus on an administrative solution. Of primary concern in this effort is to ensure that ranchers, farmers and all public have the unabated ability to protect their personal safety, property or investments from harm by lions.

**AB 478 (Waldron) – Sport Fishing License: Age Requirement** AB 478 by Assembly Member Marie Waldron (R/75-Escondido) would raise the age a person is required to purchase a sport fishing license from 16 to 18 years of age to generate more participation by allowing minors to

fish for free for an additional two years. AB 478 is a “two-year” bill and will be considered in January 2018.

**SB 464 (Hill) – Firearms Dealers: Storage and Security** SB 464 by Senator Jerry Hill (D/13-San Mateo) would, among other things, require street level firearms dealers who secure firearms with the steel rod or cable method to install concrete or hardened steel bollards or other similar devices to protect the location’s front entrance, any floor-to-ceiling windows, and any other doors that could be breached by a vehicle. SB 464 is on the Governor’s desk for his consideration, where he has until October 15th to take action.

**SB 497 (Portantino) – Firearms Rationing** As introduced, SB 497 by Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D/25-Glendale) proposed to prohibit a person from making more than one application to purchase a long gun within any 30-day period. The bill would have exempted from that prohibition the purchase of a long gun by a person with a valid hunting license, and the acquisition of a long gun at an auction or similar event conducted by a non-profit organization.

SB 497 was substantially amended in early September to eliminate this language, and now proposes to simply permit a peace officer to store a handgun in the locked center utility console of a vehicle that does not have a trunk. SB 497 was voted of the Senate Floor on September 15th and is on its way to the Governor’s desk. The Governor has until October 15th to take action on the bill.

## ANNUAL BBQ AND SHOOT

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

Elk burgers were cooked by members Jim Peters from elk donated by Ron Gurski and Glenn Chrisman brought his 'speed goat chili.' Yum! That's all that needs to be said about that!

Each year teams from SFBA and GG chapters vie for the best shooters. This year Golden Gate took the win — it's gloating time boys!

This family affair is for everyone to enjoy so be sure to put it on your



calendar for next year! It's always the last Sunday before the Labor Day weekend. That's August 26, 2018 — don't miss it!

## Feed the Hungry 2017

For the 11th year Chapter members donated wild game, cooked, and served meals to those in need at the Salvation Army Samaritan House in San Jose.

Donations of wild game are accepted throughout the year and donated to Samaritan House in Belmont along with Salvation Army in San Jose and other locations. Donate anytime by delivering frozen food items between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday at the following convenient location:

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This year's volunteers left to right: Roger Yamamoto and his daughter Marico, Jeana Feige, Conor Pierce and his mom Julie Pierce, Bryan Feige. Behind the camera is Richard Pierce who coordinates the event. Thanks Rich and team for your good works on behalf of the chapter!



# New Date!



Safari Club International

## Greater Bay Area Fundraiser

The Board members of The Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay Area Chapters invite you to the Annual Greater San Francisco Bay Area SCI Fundraiser! We will once again be featuring new adventures, as well as our most requested repeats!

An exciting Campeche jungle hunt for two hunters with **Hunt Balam**. Ocellated Turkey, Brocket deer, collared peccary, and other rare and unusual trophies available.



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

**Hunt In Europe** will guide you on a 6 days stay: 4 hunting days and 2 tourism days for one hunter and one observer. The trip includes hunting for either Balkan chamois or free-ranging mufon sheep,



This Croatian 5 days stay, 4 hunting days for one hunter and one observer for a general big game hunt offers the opportunity of European brown bear or chamois. **Hunt In Europe** will again be your guide on a great adventure.

**Algar Safaris** is donating an amazing big game hunt for five full days hunting (six nights at the ranch) for one hunter and one non hunter plus a \$1,000 credit towards trophy fees. Algar is a favorite and is highly recommended by every hunter who returns!



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

Darting a white rhino in South Africa is a very unique experience, one that should be on your bucket list! We haven't had this unique opportunity for several years. Our friend Mike Murray of **African Field Sports** offers this adventure. Don't miss out on hunting plains game while you are there!

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Dates of hunt: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### MISSION STATEMENT FOR SAN FRANCISCO 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.