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Annual Jim Peters Memorial BBQ

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3rd Thursday of each month

Please call Beverly Valdez at 650-627-7601

Above: Member Tom Mattusch celebrates his "Year of the Turkey" -- starting at page 29.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This year's Greater Bay Area Fundraiser is now behind us. It was very successful and we had the largest attendance in years. Some pictures of the fun are included in this issue. Thank you to all who helped to make our event one of the best ever. And to those that attended, thank you, too. Without you there wouldn't be a fundraiser. Your dollars go towards supporting humanitarian, education, and conservation projects locally and nationally.

Buck Buchanan has some great photos from his work with the Cubs (see page 28). Buck is always looking for youth under the age of 18 to mentor on shooting skills and hunting. Remember, youth are our future. We need to engage the younger generation in the outdoors and hunting to ensure that our heritage continues. If you know a young person (or even a young-at-heart person) interested in the shooting sports or hunting, please make sure to get their information to Buck.



Unfortunately, our Wild Game and Awards dinner had to be canceled this year due to unexpected travel and scheduling conflicts. This annual event is one of our favorites and was missed! But it will return next year. Be on the lookout for the date and time so you can participate in this family-friendly celebration of hunting and fishing.

Elections for officers and board members are here. Included in this issue are the slate with bios and pictures of those running this year. Be sure to vote! Your board works hard for you all year and we are always looking for volunteers. Remember, you do not have to be a board member to chair an event or volunteer to help. Become involved and help make a difference!

If your freezer is getting on the full side and you have a busy hunting season coming up (lucky you!), please consider a donation of wild game to our Feed The Hungry program. You can donate meat any time of year. We have several freezers ready to accept your donations which will be used for our annual cook and serve at the Emmanuel House in San Jose, or any of our other donations. See the website for more information or contact Beverly at the office.

Don't forget about our annual BBQ and shoot at Coyote Valley on Sunday, August 25. This is always a great event with a little competition between our chapter and Golden Gate chapter members! Enjoy an elk burger or maybe some bear chili and catch up with old friends. This event is in honor of our long time member James Peters who made this event happen for many years.

Lastly, we are planning something new this year -- a Chapter Holiday Party. Save the date -- December 8. Venue and additional details to follow.

Happy adventures and safe travels to all,
"Til our next issue,

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- Help set priorities in terms of youth education and activities
- Have a better understanding of Safari Club International
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MEMBER PHOTOS



Above: Josh Peixoto and friends hunting at Stary Night Ranch in 2018 reaped the rewards: whitetail, blackbuck, and axis.



Above: Harrison Atwood (L) and Mason Nevis dove hunting.



Above: Atwood family hunting together: Left to Right: Jeff, Skylar, Natalie, Harrison, and Sabrina



Above: Rick Berg (R) with a 74 LB rooster fish. Rick also got a 52 pounder on the same trip!

Right: Rick with 43 LB yellowtail





Above: Alice Weibe and dad Chad out for a stroll while duck hunting. Below: Alice in the blind.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

August 25, 2019

Annual Jim Peters Memorial BBQ and Shoot, Coyote Valley Sporting Clays, Morgan Hill

December 8, 2019

Holiday Dinner, Location TBD

March 7, 2020

Greater Bay Area Fundraiser, Crowne Plaza, Foster City

Stan Atwood with his Australian Northwest Territory buffalo



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Pamela Atwood with her own Northwest Territory buffalo

MEMBER PHOTOS



Bob Armanesco hunted this great whitetail at Starry Night Ranch in 2017



Above: Rich Phipps (R) and friend hunted pheasants at Hastings Island

Below: Dwight Ortmann (L) and Dave Agnew were successful turkey hunters with Oakstone Outfitters.



SCI Life Hunter Advocacy Society

Have you joined the SCI Life Hunter Advocacy Society (LHAS)? Launched in 2016, LHAS was created to allow Life Members – those who have already taken a big step in Protecting the Freedom to Hunt — to raise additional funds dedicated to SCI's Advocacy Mission. Funds raised through LHAS memberships are restricted funds to be used for the purpose of funding advocacy projects only, which shall include litigation, marketing, legislative and voter education, and similar projects, but which shall not include lobbying for specific legislation or contributions for or against any candidate.

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- Bronze: \$2,500 – \$1,000 upgrade from basic Life Member (\$1,500 Life Membership)
- Silver: \$5,000 – \$2,500 upgrade from BronzeGold: \$7,500 – \$2,500 upgrade from Silver
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If you refer to someone as a legend, you mean that they are famous and admired by a lot of people. A legend is a story that people talk about, concerning people, places or events that exist or are famous at the present time. So that is what I am going to do. This past November, Cathie Nelson and I had the opportunity to hunt for the third time at Legends Ranch in Michigan. From the outstanding and beautiful accommodations, experienced staff, spectacular guides, exquisite food, to the hunt itself, this experience is like a dream come true.

Cathie and I hunted with Legends for four days. As its said, men at times can be in competition when in the blind together. Such as who shoots first or who's the better shot. But when you have a Best Friend hunting with you, that is never the problem for us Girls.

Day 1 in the blind, we saw many deer. From the really Big Boys to Beautiful Does and then the Younger Bucks who really tried to run the big guys off. No shot was taken. But you're thinking well why no shot? I sure could of, but decided to wait.

Day 2 in the blind with the heater going, comfy chairs and

a wonderful bench rest for your rifle. Here comes this monster of a buck. Older, lots of character and unique. Sam Reed, our guide, told us there is a big guy coming in from the right. As girls, we do a little looking and a little deciding on who wants which buck. So, it was then I told Sam, he's mine. So, at that point I carefully got my rifle ready and out the window. I did not hit the side of the window — this time. My safety is off and boy do I have a good view in my scope. I used my Browning 280. Nice easy close shot at 125 yards, hands steady, breathing just right so I took the shot. Buck heavily stumbled and ran maybe 20 yards. My shot was right on the shoulder. Buck is down. So, being girls as we are, the blind got a little noisy with excitement. Could not have done this without my guide Sam Reed talking me through it. We let the buck rest for a while before we climbed down to find him. During this time another buck came up to mine sniffing, stomping and pushing. A full-on fight was on. Except one thing. My big boy was down. The other buck was NOT going to win. After climbing down to retrieve my buck is when all the emotions started. It was then I said a prayer of thanks for a gratifying, successful and safe



hunt. When all hunters are back in at camp, it is then you are toasted with a glass of champagne.

Day 3 was going to be the day for more scouting and looking around for Cathie. What a beautiful area we were in. The trees had their shades of autumn on. Sitting in the blind and glassing was no problem for me. But suddenly the blind got very quiet. Sam our guide said "Cathie that one is huge, shoot it." So indeed, she did. Oh my, here all the excitement started again.

From the Manager Hunt Level 1 and 2, Rut Hunt, Presidential Hunt, Veterans Hunt, Youth Challenge Hunt, and let's not forget the Gutierrez Wildlife Center, Gym, and Massages. They have it all. This was truly a "Hunt of A Lifetime."

As Robert Sergi, Ranch Director says: As we all know, there's no place like home but we are committed to do everything we can to ensure you that your stay with us is memorable and relaxing.

It was just that and then some. Hunt of a lifetime. A Dream Came True.....

I always wanted to do a spot and stalk hunt for coastal black bears. At the SCI convention in Reno, I met Brad Lister of Coastal Inlet Adventures out of Powell River, British Columbia. Brad specializes in black bear, Roosevelt elk, blacktail deer and cougar hunting. Brad's hunting concession is 3,500 square miles and is not huntable to the average local hunter without boats, float houses, 4X4 vehicles, quad ATVs and hounds. Also, local hunters can hunt British Columbia's numerous black bears in easier to access locations.

I scheduled a five-day hunt and took a leisurely two-hour, Easter Sunday flight from my home in San Jose, CA to Vancouver, BC. A quick shuttle ride between terminals and a short twenty-five-minute commuter flight landed me at Powell River's small airport. The airport's only supports commercial flights to and from to Vancouver's South Terminal through Pacific Coast Airlines. Two of the other hunters in camp flew to Seattle and drove approximately 8-9 hours to the boat landing on Lake Powell. Much of their trip was waiting

for two ferries since there is not a direct road to the hunt location. A forty-five-minute boat ride on beautiful Lake Powell brought us to our camp headquarters, a floating cabin surrounded by snow-capped forested mountains with active logging operations.

The cabin was comfortable with running water, a hot shower, electricity and a limited cellular connection. It is nested in a private cove with a boat dock with a large deck surrounding its perimeter. Fishing in Lake Powell is limited to cutthroat trout. However, just over the hill is the world-famous Desolation Sound and the Pacific Ocean which offers other fishing opportunities. Usually, if a hunter tags out early, they have the option to go to town and purchase another bear tag, to go fishing, or to explore and hang out. Unfortunately, on this trip, the Canadian government had closed salmon fishing without warning and the rock fishing season was a week away. The outfitters shrimp and crab traps located in the sound provide daily fresh seafood and oysters can easily be picked up off the beach at low tide.

We ate breakfast and dinner at the float house. Breakfast generally consisted of eggs, bacon, sausage and toast. Packed lunches consisted of sandwiches and wraps. Dinners were late and meat oriented. Hors d'oeuvres and snacks included fresh boiled shrimp, fried and raw oysters, chips, and cookies. The food was good, especially the fresh seafood.

Coastal Inlet Adventures has radio equipped boats and Trackers as well as quad ATVs strategically



stashed in premium hunting areas. Vehicles and ATVs can be shuttled to different areas using one of the outfitters two barges, which have a front ramp which allows them to be driven off and onto the beach at remote locations. The barges reminded me of WWII Higgins boats used for beach landings.

Coastal bear hunting is a different experience. We would leave the float house just before lunch and not return until after dark around 8:30-9:30 at night. Apparently, the bears are not usually seen until later in the day and the prime time is around dark. Oftentimes, we would start hunting in the cove just around the corner from the cabin. We would cruise over in a boat and take off up a logging road in a Chevrolet Tracker. Once mobile in a Tracker or on an ATV, we would look for bear sign and glass the logging slash. A 2-4-year-old clear cut with grass, willows and other forage was optimal for feeding bears who have just emerged from the den. My guide and I would also still hunt the

mountainous region. Some hunters would drive over the hill to Desolation Sound and cruise around in a boat or in a 4X4 looking for bears along the shore and marsh to put a stalk on.

Four hunters were in camp; three rifle and an archer. Hunting was a little slow for the first couple of days. According to the guides, bears were one to two weeks late leaving the den due to an exceptionally cold February. They also informed us that bears do not like the rain. It rained hard the morning of the first day of the hunt and cleared as the week progressed. We stayed dry in covered vehicles and boats when the weather was nasty.

Things started to change on the third day and it seemed like all of the sudden, the sun was out and with bears appearing more regularly. They were stripping the willow trees and eating grass in the slashes on the hillsides. Dale, the bow hunter, concentrated along a marshy cove for bears eating bubble kelp and mussels. He made four stalks during one day of the hunt in which he was within 50-60 yards. But unfortunately, he was not able to close the deal. He could have easily taken a bear with a rifle. The other two hunters, Mike and Rob, were a 2X1 with their guide. They had seen bears daily and passed on several 6'+ bears until the last day. They gave last hour hunting a new meaning. Mike shot a very nice boar at 7:30 pm, about an hour before the end of shooting time. After skinning out the bear, they ran across another shooter while packing the bear out. There were at least two other bears feeding in the marshy inlet. Rob

promptly dispatched the bruin. This goes to show that a hunt is not over until it's over.

I managed to see three bears before taking one on the third day. My guide, Klaus Wolf, was able to call a small bear that we spotted in to about 30 yards with a predator call on the first day of the hunt. It was fun to watch the small bear attempt a stalk on us. Around 4:00 on the third day, we were riding an ATV between glassing slashes when Klaus said "there is a bear off the side of the road". He said it was a good one and to take it. I dismounted, loaded my rifle and slowly walked side to side to find an opening in the brush to weave a bullet through. I finally was able to get a shot off and dropped the bear instantly with an offhand shot at 48 yards with my .300 Winchester. The bear let out a death moan and then, surprisingly, crawled over to a steep ledge and rolled down a 60-degree slope into a nasty log tangle and became lodged under an 18-inch diameter log. From under the log, the bear's front leg reached up with its head and neck exposed and I put the coup de gras on him with a bullet through his neck.

Klaus and my work was about to begin. He has never had to recover a bear in such a gnarly log and boulder-choked ravine. It took about ten minutes for me to crawl and slide, 120' down a very steep crevice to the bear. After we recovered the bear, we cleared an approximately twenty-five square foot spot on the hill to skin and quarter it. There was no way to pack it out of the ravine without doing so. Luckily, going back up the treacherous ravine was easier



than going down.

My bear was typical and taped a little over 6'. It had a beautiful thick hide with no rub marks and a heart shaped blonde patch on his chest. The foot pads and the hair between them looked pristine. It will make a nice rug. The meat was worm free and the bear still had about an inch of white fat on its back. He must have just left the den. Most of the shootable black bears in the area are 6' to 7', with a few larger boars.

This was my first bear taken while actually hunting them. Bears in the past have always been a target of opportunity. Spot and stalk black bear hunting can be tailored to match the hunter's physical condition. I was matched with Klaus because we both like to walk and still hunt. I lost seven pounds and have sore legs due to keeping up with his long stride. Everyone enjoyed their hunt and some of us will probably go back for another bear or one of the many Roosevelt elk and blacktail deer we saw during the hunt. It also helps that the location and scenery is breath taking.

**AUGUST
25**

**Shooting Clays - All Day
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Annual SCI San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
BBQ & Shoot

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Join Us at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays

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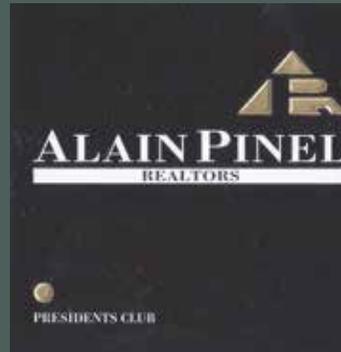
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March 7, 2020



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One of the excellent local organizations devoted to getting American military veterans into the field on top quality hunting and fishing trips is Purple Heart Anglers, headquartered in Half Moon Bay, California. While their emphasis is on fishing, with trips in N. California, Mexico and Alaska, they also have an excellent pheasant hunting program. It's this program which we've supported for many years.

A key feature of the program is specially equipped ATVs with strong and safe chairs mounted on the front of vehicles for those who need them. One of their volunteers even has an ATV with a frame for wheelchairs mounted in front. This makes it possible for vets with almost any leg disabilities, including amputees, to get back into the field and again experience the thrill of hunting big roosters over dogs.

Take for example, Paul, a vet who had lost a leg in Viet Nam.

Paul had not been hunting in about 50 years! He was a tanker in Viet Nam. One day his tank drove over an explosive device so powerful that it rolled over the tank. As the machine gunner riding on top, the incident cost him his leg and very nearly his life.

Paul had heard about Purple Heart Anglers and their pheasant hunting program which includes disabled vets. Even amputees! He quickly signed up and later received the date of an upcoming



pheasant hunt at Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve near Ione, CA.

After decades of not being able to hunt, he thought he'd give it a try. On the appointed day, the volunteer with the specially modified ATV was there to meet him. Helping hands securely strapped him into position. His gun was handed to him and away they went.

I can't begin to imagine how Paul felt after not being able to hunt for so so long. After such a long time his shooting skills had obviously suffered, and he'd never tried to shoot from his wheelchair bolted to the front of an ATV before. Who of us has??

Paul "liberated" several birds but he did go home with one.

That mattered very little, because Paul said it was one of the best days he'd had in years, and going pheasant hunting again brought back many fond memories for him.

A HERO HUNTS AGAIN BY GLENN CHRISMAN

Very important for him was the camaraderie he experienced. But, perhaps most important of all, was that the day at Camanche Hills represented the “thank you for your service” he never got when returning from Viet Nam. I’d suggest that’s something every one of us should say when meeting any service member regardless of age, especially Viet Nam vets.

Purple Heart Anglers operates under the philosophy of “no politics, no counseling; just fish, hunt, and eat,” — and have a great time. The one thing all their guests have in common is that

they served in our country’s military. Regardless of their service branch, rank or duty, Purple Heart Anglers is dedicated to creating fishing and hunting events so they may enjoy the great outdoors of the country they fought to protect. That’s why our SF Bay Area Chapter of SCI provides financial support to them. You can help us support Purple Heart Anglers and our other veteran’s programs. Donate today at the website (www.safariclub-sfbay.org/donate) or use this form to send your check.

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Glenn Chrisman, who works tirelessly on behalf of the veterans, received an award from his latest group of disabled veteran’s after they had a successful hunt.

LEGENDS RANCH 2019 HUNT

Join the “Ladies” for a legendary Michigan whitetail hunt at the Legends Ranch

SFBA Chapter members Cathie Nelson and Edie Ortmann have been on this hunt for the last 3 years and enjoyed it so much they are going again and want to share the experience. Need not be an SCI member to attend.

Please feel free to contact either Cathie or Edie if you have any questions:

Cathie (2bliss@msn.com)

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Responses to last month's musings on tipping and call for feedback on my two-envelope system were a bit light. There were a couple of thoughtful notes of sympathy for a less than ideal hunt outcome, and the various frustrations, which I appreciate (Thanks Glenn and Tomas). However, I didn't get any responses from people who might have been on the other side, as a guide or outfitter. I was hoping for that.

Tom Mattusch generously shared his notes from a breakout session at Safari Club International (SCI) National on tipping that is as follows summarized below with my thoughts interspersed:

Tipping is only a US thing. It is probably higher than taxes. Tipping has gotten obscene in the Safari industry. Now it is expected even though unacceptable. In the UK, a pheasant shoot tip would cover a drink. Tipping is a personal option. You don't tip Safari operators or PHs.

On several trips to Argentina, South Africa, and Namibia I was very much left with the impression that tipping wasn't just a US thing and was expected. However, that might be because I was a US client, or maybe it's just not a European thing.

Ask Safari operator when you book, have the discussion early. Who is involved in Safari? What managerial staff? What car staff? What for pH? All are paid well to do a job before tip?

I think this is a key takeaway for me. If tipping is requisite because outfitters aren't paying their staff reasonably well, we as hunters need to call them out on it. The first step is knowledge.

When tipping at a restaurant, we know that most are required by the IRS to report tip income for their wait staff as if it had occurred. Additionally, the restaurant owner is required to pay the employer share of social security and Medicare taxes. Tips and service charges (aka "Auto-gratuities" are treated separately by the IRS). Service charges are also subject to tax withholding.

More from Tom's notes:

A tip is like paying for an extra animal. South Africa and Namibia are usually have about 7 people. Other countries have up to 17 people due to communal arrangement of employment. Plainsgame hunt 10 day tip should be in the range of no more than \$500 to \$700. If you split your hunt among two areas, pro rate and split the tip. If there's two people, split was agreed to in the first place.

Who to tip? If pH is outfitter it's done. PH gets the daily rate. Had to tip the balance of the staff, percent tip on balance.

A great idea for those bigger parties or large staff's that often occur on international hunts.

Make a tip book with everyone's name as you meet them. Then when leaving and the "Tipping parade" occurs, everyone gets a slip of paper. Outfitter converts the tip pool to local currency and distributes according to your tip book advisement.

As a bonus, you take home a book with names of all the staff you worked with and some notes on memorable moments, characteristics, etc. This can be used to add some great detail to the article I'm sure you are writing for the newsletter to share your story with your fellow Safari Club International (SCI) members!

And Tom's last note from the SCI meeting:

Government game scout, on a 10 day planes game Safari \$100 if they really work hard. Hired pH \$90 to \$120 per day. On a buffalo hunt it could be as high as \$200 per day. \$250 in Northern countries. Tanzania \$350 to \$500 per day, but they will pay tax on it. Less if Outfitter vehicle versus their own vehicle. Trackers cooks Skinners get more. Others get less.

Europeans don't tip. They will tell you don't go there. In some villages in Spain even leaving a euro is an insult. If you (PH/outfitter) are paying their staff well, you don't need a tip. In Spain, they even ask if a tip is wanted by recipient before giving, it's never expected.

Steve Gonzales also shared some valuable insight:

I believe you are on the right path. Too many folks, even guides/outfitters, expect a top tier tip or even a tip for substandard work based on the fact they showed up at all or applied substandard effort and knowledge to what they represent as professional service.

From my very limited guide service hunting, I get the feeling despite paying a large sum to the outfitter, he does not pass much to his guides but expects the hunter to ante up and pay more on top of all else.

Your idea of two envelopes is a good start to motivate the guide to do their job, but you may consider adding a third envelope more motivation.

I realize there is no guarantee on a hunt but when you pay for a BMW hunt you don't expect to receive a Ford Focus ride.

Steve didn't mention what the third envelope would be for, but I'm guessing he'd break it down into: Envelope one, a reasonable tip for trying

hard, providing decent service. Envelope two, an additional tip for luck / success / opportunity on reasonable representative game. Envelope three, bonus tip for extraordinary luck / oversized / unexpected trophy or effort (technical climbing to retrieve shot game in a dangerous location, etc.).

Call for your valuable thoughts for next issue

I'd like your input on the following circumstance. You've calculated your taxes and are getting an unexpected refund. Yay!

You are getting back \$2,500. Would you spend it on:

- A. A significant rifle upgrade, MOA quest, etc.
- B. Top level camo suit or rain gear
- C. Finally getting those nicer European bins or a spotting scope
- D. Save it for the next Safari Club International Convention or GBA Fundraiser to help pay for a hunt

Thanks and safe hunting. As always, feedback and input welcomed and encouraged at johncware@gmail.com.



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Cathie started hunting in 1997 after her husband, Steve, died on a hunting trip in New Zealand. She wanted to perpetuate the hunting culture for her children. Blair and Eric have now graduated college and are successfully out on their own. Steve had been a member of SCI, so Cathie decided to join and get fully involved.

Cathie has been on the Board in the past, serving as Fundraiser Chair twice. She attends the National SCI Convention every year and has developed relationships with many outfitters and vendors.

Cathie has hunted in Scotland, Croatia, Botswana, South Africa, Zululand, Namibia and New Zealand. In addition, she has hunted in California, Montana and Wyoming. She loves to go on Chapter hunts and has found a great hunting partner in Edie Ortmann. Some of the places they have hunting are Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Legends Ranch in Michigan.

In addition, the ladies have been attending the Dallas Safari Club convention in Dallas and the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo (Mule Deer convention) in Salt Lake City. Cathie is also very involved with the Sables (SCI SFBA Division) and their education mission. She has held offices on the Sables Board. Cathie would be honored to serve as the President of the SFBA Board again.



Cathie Nelson
President



Tomas Bermejo
President Elect

Tomas has served the chapter as a board member and is a past President. He has been the chair or co-chair of the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser numerous times.

Tomas is a life member of SCI and the NRA. He has hunted in North America, including Canada and Mexico, as well as various locations in Africa.

Tomas lives in San Francisco where he works in the wealth management industry. He is married and has two children. His son, Diego, is rapidly becoming his main hunting and shooting partner.

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

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Larry Lundberg is an avid outdoorsman. Growing up he was "just trout fishing, camping, and hiking." Then college friends exposed him to bird hunting. It spiraled from there, until now he is 'on the hoof' about one week a month wherever the opportunity takes him but. He still skis and whitewater rafts but it's only as diversions to hunting/fishing. He has hunted Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, New Zealand, France and several African nations.

Larry has long been a member of the SCI San Francisco Bay Area chapter and for the last few years has been the organizer behind the Annual Fall Appreciation Dinner.

Larry looks forward to assisting the Chapter and SCI in advancing science-based conservation and education projects in particular with youth as one of the key elements.



Larry Lundberg
Vice President



Paul Williamson
Secretary

Paul Williamson Sr. has been a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter since 2003 and was first a member of the Board in 2004. He is also a life member of the NRA, a member of the Golden Ram Hunting Club and a member of CRPA.

Paul, now retired, enjoys serving on the Board and associating with all the nice folks involved in SCI. Paul is always interested in becoming a better hunter and hunts with his son any time they can get out together.

Paul particularly appreciates being a member of an organization that promotes hunting and conservation efforts.

Paul looks forward to continuing to contribute to the chapter activities.

Dwight grew up six miles from the Canadian border in Northern Minnesota hunting and fishing. He is the President of a commercial construction/development/property management company in Redwood City. Dwight is married to Edie, who is an accomplished international hunter herself.

Dwight is a dedicated conservationist with membership in many non-profit organizations. He is a life member of SCI, NRA and CWA in addition to many other hunting groups.

Dwight is a Chapter Past President of three terms and has served on the Board for more than 10 years. He has also been the Chairman of the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser for multiple years and currently serves as the Hunts Chairman.



Dwight Ortmann
Treasurer

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Glenn Chrisman
Board Member

Glenn has been a San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and national SCI member since 1993. He previously has been a member of the SF Bay Area Chapter Board of Directors and served as Chapter President for the 1998-1999 term.

Glenn has served as Chairman of the Veteran's Committee for the past 14 years. In addition to SCI, Glenn is a NRA Life Member (Benefactor). He raises the funds to personally escort three disabled vets to Wyoming each year to participate with 9 other disabled vets in "The World's Greatest Antelope Hunt."

Glenn has also served on numerous fundraiser committees for the Chapter and was the fundraiser chairman in 1998.

His hunting experience over the past 40+ years includes many places in North American including Alaska as well as South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and New Zealand.

Since hunting has always been a big part of his life, Tom Enberg became interested in and joined various organizations early. He is a 40 year Life Member of the NRA. And has been a proud member of the SCI San Francisco Bay Chapter since 1996, serving on the Board of Directors since 2007. Tom is also a current member of the Mule Deer Foundation and Blacktail Foundation.

Supporting the many various outdoor organizations such as Ducks Unlimited has brought great exposure for Tom's kids and grandkids. Tom is also very involved in community service and has been a member of the Millbrae Lions Club for 45 years and is also a past president of the club.

Love of the outdoors and adventure has been his motivator to hunt in Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa, and most recently New Zealand. Tom's North American fishing and hunting has included numerous trips to Alaska and multiple areas in the lower 48 states.



Tom Enberg
Board Member



Rob Lawson
Past President

Rob Lawson has over 40 years of hunting experience ranging from South Africa, Central America and Europe to all regions of the United States.

Rob is a dedicated hunter at heart and has helped out in many of the Bay Area fundraisers, sensory Safari's, and the Cubs programs starting with the late Bob Bergstrom and now with Edward "Buck" Buchanan.

Rob started his hunting career at the age of 7 hunting with his dad after blacktail in the hills of Ukiah. When he was 9 he harvested his first deer, and after that the fuse was lit.

Rob currently serves on the board for Safari Club San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

Rob is a member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Dallas Safari Club, DU, CWA, PHASA and many other conservation organizations.

Do we have your current mailing address and email? If not, please give Beverly in the chapter office an update. You can reach Beverly at

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Tom Mattusch is a Life Member, Sables Life Member and Past President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and a Director at Large for SCI International for 9 terms. Tom is active on various SCI International committees including Conservation, Audit, Scholarship, Membership and Chapter Development, and GAC.

As owner/operator of the Huli Cat, he has generously donated to SCI and other wildlife organizations. As SFBA's Conservation Chair, Tom has entered the Chapter into successful partnerships with the CA DFW for deer herd sustainability and anti-poaching programs. Tom works relentlessly to increase the SCI's hunting and fishing presence at DFW meetings and Committees and on California legislative issues.

Tom also makes time to enjoy his love of the outdoors by hunting and fishing. His numerous travels to Europe, Africa, Alaska, and various locations throughout the lower 48 has proven successful. His wife, Lisa, accompanies him often and is a hunter herself.



Tom Mattusch
Board Member



Jeana Rolsky Feige
Board Member

Jeana has been a San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and national SCI member practically since she was born — her father Alex Rolsky (formerly owner of Imbert and Smithers gun shop, now deceased) was a founding member of the Chapter. Now grown, with a family of her own, Jeana continues the family tradition.

Jeana has been President of the SFBA Sables division and stays active with Sables and as a member of the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser. Jeana has also served on numerous fundraiser committees for the chapter.

Jeana looks forward to serving on the Board of Directors with your support.

John Russell grew up in Kentucky where hunting and fishing is what people do in their leisure time. He moved to California in 1981 where he worked at various high-tech jobs selling computer and communications hardware. Eventually he founded and ran REALM Communications Group, a successful fiber optics communications company for 28 years until he sold it to R&M, a Swiss connectivity company. John is now retired. He is married to Sue and has two children. His son Bryan is an avid fisherman and a occasional hunting partner. John's hunting passion is upland bird hunting over pointing dogs.

John has spent thousands of days hunting and fishing domestically in California, Kentucky, Indiana, Alaska, and Florida. He has hunted in Africa and South America through outfitters which he has met through the SCI. John has been an active participant in SCI activities including two chapter hunts, the Greater Bay Area fundraiser, the national convention and the sporting clays summer event. He looks forward to contributing to causes and activities which SCI supports.



John Russell
Board Member



SCI - San Francisco
Bay Area Chapter
Election 2019-2020

The following Officers are slated for two year terms ending in 2020 and request your vote:

- President:** Cathie Nelson
- President Elect:** Tomas Bermejo
- Vice President:** Larry Lundberg
- Secretary:** Paul Williamson
- Treasurer:** Dwight Ortmann

Alternate Choice(s) for any of above _____

Board of Directors Nominees

Presented in random order. Please vote for no more than five (5)

- Glenn Chrisman
- Jeana Rolsky Feige
- Tom Mattusch
- John Russell
- Tom Enberg
- Rob Lawson _____
- Alternate Choice _____

Note: Only Members-in-Good-Standing votes will be counted

Your Name: _____

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Submit your vote no later than June 26, 2019

CUBS PHEASANT OUTING PHOTOS BY BUCK BUCHANAN



A focused Jack Salcedo getting ready for a few shots on the trap range. See that trigger finger in the proper place as he is loading.



Jack tracking the target, ready to slap the trigger.



Jack Salcedo, about as happy as he ever looks! We did get a smile out of him when the dog caught a pheasant; he still wanted it so I gave it to him. Happy kid.



Mathew Gougler holding the pheasant and Connor Pierce in the background.



Andre Gougler assisting the rental dog retrieving a bird.



Got my finger in the happy trophy photo! Left to right Jack Salcedo, father Michael Salcedo, Mathew Gougler, father Andre Gougler, Connor Pierce, father Richard Pierce. Gunner the rental dog. All I see are happy smiles after a long difficult day chasing marathon Olympic runner pheasants.



I went down to Carlos Cano Cruz to hunt with Jorge Sansores of Snook Inn Hunting. This hunt would be much different than the week I spent in the jungle looking for ocellated turkey last year.

The connection from San Francisco to Merida was not very user-friendly, arriving about midnight, so I arrived in Merida a day early and went to visit Chichen Itza on Saturday. The outfitter had me picked up at the airport and delivered to the Holiday Inn. Sunday morning I found the other four hunters who would be making the 3 hour trip from Merida to Carlos Cano Cruz. We arrived and had a great lunch, then prepared for our first afternoon hunt. Jorge had a

number of different shotguns to choose from; I picked a Fabarm Hunter 12 ga Lion H38 in 3”.

First afternoon, I saw my first ocellated turkey in daylight as it walked toward the blind. It was a jake, a young bird about a year old, utterly stunning, its’ feather looking like a neon light show. Hunts were conducted out of portable blinds, Primos Double Bull. The guides would look for a suitable spot, clear some brush overlooking Mennonite fields of various grains, soy, millet, sorghum or corn. Next day, about 30 turkeys worked across the field in front of the blind, within range. Not much English spoken on the part of the guides, but they knew what we wanted. My broken Spanish was fine for me and my guide indicated none of the thirty birds were really trophy birds, most spurs only slightly over an inch at best. Ocellated have no beards, just great long spurs and incredible colors. Instead of gobbling they ‘sing’. A pair of peccary came out to feed, too early in the afternoon to chase in case more turkeys wandered by. When we did get out of the blind to see if we could find the peccary, we couldn’t find them. Between the 5 hunters, it wasn’t uncommon to see roughly 100 birds a day. That being said, I did have days where I didn’t see any turkey, perhaps just a brocket deer or a peccary out of shotgun range. For the daily routine, we left about 5am after coffee, OJ, offers of cereal, toast, fruit, or pan dulce. After we hunted for about three hours we would go back to the lodge about 11am or so for an incredibly prepared 1 course lunch. Hunters would be back in the blinds about 4pm and hunt until dark. Back

to the lodge for a 2 course dinner followed by dessert. The lodge was a three bedroom house with three beds per room and bath and shower per room. The mess area was a different room. There was a covered ‘driveway’ carport with a table and chairs where snacks were consumed and hunting tales exchanged.

On Thursday my luck changed. An early flock landed about 80 yards away and took their time working and feeding my direction. It took over 30 minutes for them to get within range, that time spent evaluating spur size. My bird took a load of number 5 at 21 yards. It collapsed in the brush so completely and quickly, the other birds were on notice from the sound, but saw nothing and wandered about cautiously. We waited until there were no birds visible to get out of the blind. A few pics and we were off scouting for peccary. My afternoon hunt was for peccary and brocket deer. We saw a brocket out about 180 yards, well out of shotgun range. The last morning was a brocket and peccary hunt. We saw puma tracks and knew there were jaguar in the area; the only brocket I saw within range was a female.



The bird had spurs 1-12/16” and 1-14/16” and weighed 10 lbs.

After your bird Jorge gives you a t-shirt recognizing this is probably the completion of your World Slam. For more direct hunt info contact snookinjorge@hotmail.com.

After a final terrific lunch, it was tip the crew time and the 3 hour trip back to Merida. We stopped by other ruins on the way back, and spent some time at Kabah, a water temple abandoned in the 11th century — more time than planned with a flat tire!

Getting the bird home is where the wheels fell off the cart. Groups that went through Houston have had no problem with the turkey in their suitcase. FWS

has personnel at IAH. At SFO, I declared it on entry, and was directed to secondary inspection. CBP was puzzled on how to handle this, even with the CITES original permits. When they called AeroMexico baggage people, the person freaked and said it was hazardous material and wanted a hazardous material clean up and yelled at CBP for even letting it touch the counter!

The AeroMexico baggage person looked at the CITES permit and said he had never seen that type of permit in his life. Now CBP looked up info in their manual and said Mexico has HPAI and Newcastle Disease, i.e., avian flu — big problem. I left the airport without the bird. No one was available to help move this

forward on Sunday. I finally got a call on Monday from an FWS agent, requesting I fill out a 3-177 using eDocs.

One big difference in the handling is that FWS has personnel and an office at IAH, not an office at SFO.

Let’s take a moment to examine the prevalence of HPAI. In 2018, USDA/USGS examined 31,438 birds and found 0 with HPAI. In 2017, 35,747 birds were examined, 1 Mallard from Alaska, 1 Mallard from Montana tested positive. In 2016, 45,749 were tested, 0 positive for HPAI.

Folks suggested getting a broker to help clear this. Those prices ranged from \$488 on the low end to over \$600, not including any of the shipping to other facilities. I got a clearance from FWS on Wednesday. By Thursday morning, Delta baggage said none of the clearances were entered in the computer. Saturday night, the bird was put in a black trash bag, the double clear bags must have been too revealing. My luggage tag was wrapped around the black trash bag. I was told it can’t be shipped like that and I offered to bring a cardboard box. I was then told I can’t touch it to put it in the box, since I am not bonded. Now it can’t be shipped Fedex or UPS as they aren’t bonded for this. It must go on a bonded carrier, to a bonded facility at another airport and be picked up by a bonded trucking line and delivered to the final spot to be inspected again, before it is sent to a taxidermist.

I kept calling and emailing, most calls were not returned, many of the Dept of Agriculture phone numbers were simply out of



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2019 — OCELLATED TURKEY HUNT IN CARLOS CANO CRUZ BY TOM MATTUSCH

service. I was about to break down and use a broker. I called one the airline said had just done a similar clearance, they quoted me \$150, when I gave them my airbill number, they indicated what I had done had worked, go pick it up! I went to Customs, they sent me to

the airline to get some paperwork, then back to Customs for a sign off and back to the airline.

Finally! I got the bird! It had been bagged and rebagged and was covered in enough yellow tape to constitute another bag in and of

itself. I sent it off to a taxidermist.

I'll be anxious to see the final product. I intend to give it to a friend who admired it and took me on a turkey hunt last year.

2019 — YEAR OF THE TURKEY BY TOM MATTUSCH

Sometimes I even surprise myself. After last years' failed attempt at an ocellated turkey in the Yucatan jungle, I returned this year and got a great bird with Snook Inn Hunting and Jorge Sansores in what is sometimes referred to as the Mennonite bean fields around Carlos Cano Cruz. Then I went to Florida to hunt with Shawn Thompson of TNT Outfitters near Fort White and came home with another a great bird. That bird completed my World Slam with a Top Ten score on an Osceola turkey. Then turkey season opened in California.

Last year I sold three shotguns to buy a new shotgun dedicated

to turkey hunting, a Remington 870 SPS Super Mag. That model comes mounted with a red dot scope.

Being fairly busy with business, holding an elected position, serving on two Boards, and sitting on the Dungeness Crab Task Force and Whale Entanglement Group, its sometimes difficult to find a little time for me. I bought that shotgun on a vague recollection of a shotgun I had used in Michigan to harvest my Eastern bird in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Turns out, it was close, but no cigar. The gun I used was a similar on thumb stock type model, had the red dot sight, but was the semi-auto customized model a friend put together.

Without much time, I went down to a rural area, asking a friend if I could fire a couple rounds to sight it in. After looking at several options, I tacked a large piece of cardboard to the back garden fence on a 110 acre piece of property and stood in the laundry room to begin a test shot or two, or three or four or five. I still have no idea how she put up with me for that. I got it sighted in, close enough anyway, and filed it away



in the gun safe.

As I said, turkey opened here in California. And it is no secret that its difficult to find land to hunt in California. Driving on Highway 80 yesterday, there was a huge tom, full fan, huge rope hanging off his chest, just the other side of the right hand solid white line. I saw several other birds on my way to Placerville to help celebrate a friend's birthday. Leaving the party, there were two toms in full display. I had to stop to even hit to the paved



road. I didn't have permission to hunt there – and there was a party going on a few hundred yards away with a hundred guests. Even though most were hunters, discretion was the better part of valor. Driving toward the highway another jake crossed the road I had to slow down for. As I drove down Highway 80 towards San Francisco, I saw four turkeys that had been hit by cars.

One thing about turkey hunting, getting up at o'dark'thirty can help but is not required. I drove down to Santa Cruz County to visit

some friends with acreage. Not a bird anywhere at the first stop, even though my friends were used to seeing them frequently. On to another friend's place, with orchards, fields, flowers and pic he had sent of frequent groups of birds.

On the way up, I heard birds, and had that feeling this was not going to work, they wouldn't be on the right piece of property where I could hunt. I got out of the truck, met my friend, and heard a lone gobble, but it was not on the clear 10 acre parcel, but still on the 50 acre balance of his plot.

I immediately put in my H S Strut Deuce Cutter and started calling. I moved around to make him find me. I was moving downslope towards a gate, calling here and there while under or in cover. I realized the bird was going towards where I had started and felt it was outside the deer fence, unable to enter. My mind was sending lots of signals on what to do. It's midmorning and the bird is still really hot. I got to the huge wooden electric gate, expecting

to see it there. Wow, it changed directions and was now 150 yards or so and 90 degrees from me. I would crouch behind bushes, plants and trees and give a few calls. I was working bush to bush, tree to tree, would call, be silent, locate gobble and move. I looked up and, surprise of all surprises, it jumped over the deer fence and was looking for me. I sure do like seeing wild game on their own turf!

In fact I stepped out for a better view and the old tom saw me and figured, maybe he should move as well. I put the red dot high on his neck and touched off a 3' #4 Mag and California bird #1 of this year was down. With a 10" beard, at 19.2 lbs, one real good spur, one slightly blunt spur, wing feathers worn down from many displays. First shot from the new turkey gun was good.

I skinned the bird, taking the breast meat and the leg and thighs. At this point, I'm thinking Wild Turkey Chili Verde.

Chapter Holiday Dinner December 8, 2019

Plans are in progress for a 2019 San Francisco Bay Area Chapter holiday dinner. We are checking our lists (twice!) for great locations and hunters and fishers will attend! Be sure to keep December 8th open on your calendar for a great time of fun and camaraderie!

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With the 2019 State Legislative Session now in its fourth month, activity at the State Capitol is at its most hectic pace with numerous bills of concern now being heard in committee. Below is a summary and status on just some of the bills of interest to members of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International (SFBA SCI). The status of the bills below is as of mid-April.

California State Legislature Update

AB 18 (Levine) – Firearms: Excise Tax

As amended April 3rd, AB 18 – legislation by Assembly Members Mark Levine (D/10-San Rafael), Bob Bonta (D/18-Alameda) and Adrin Nazarian (D/46-Van Nuys) – would impose an excise tax on a retailer in the amount of \$25 per firearm on sale of a handgun or semiautomatic rifle or shotgun sold as new. AB 18 would also establish the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program, administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections, to award competitive grants for the purpose of violence intervention and prevention. The bill would require the revenue collected from the tax to be deposited in the CalVIP Firearm Tax Fund, which the bill would also create.

Implementing successful programs for addressing gun violence is something that all Californians support and would benefit from. As such, all of California should equally help to fund their implementation.

However, under AB 18, the CalVIP Grant Program would only be funded by law-abiding citizens who legally purchase firearms.

Because AB 18 would result in a taxpayer paying a higher tax, the bill requires approval of 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature. AB 18 would go into effect on January 1, 2020.

AB 18 was double-referred to the Assembly Public Safety Committee and the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation. AB 18 passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee on a 5 to 3 vote on April 9th. The bill will next be heard in the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation Assembly on April 22nd

AB 273 (Gonzalez) – Recreational and Commercial Fur Trapping: Prohibition

As amended March 5th, AB 273 – legislation by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez (D/80-San Diego) – would make it illegal to trap any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal for purposes of recreation or commerce in fur; prohibit the purchasing or sale of raw fur, as well as products or handicraft items made from fur-bearing mammals and nongame mammals; and recast the authorization provided by a trapping license to only apply to the taking of furbearing mammals and nongame mammals, and remove the authorization of the sale of raw fur. AB 273 would also eliminate fur dealer and fur agent licenses.

AB 273 was heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on March 12th, passing out on a party-line vote



of 9 – 3. The bill was then heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 10th passing out on a 12 to 3 tally. AB 273 is now on the Assembly Floor where it could be brought up for a vote at any time.

AB 284 (Frazier) – Junior Hunting Licenses: Eligibility: Age Requirement

In 2014, AB 1709 – legislation authored by Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D/11-Fairfield) was signed into law which increased junior hunting license age eligibility from 15 to 17 years of age. However, that legislation included a “sunset” provision which requires the age eligibility to revert to 15 years on July 1, 2020, unless the provision is extended by subsequent legislation. As introduced, AB 284 – also authored by Assembly Member Jim Frazier – would extend the junior hunting license age eligibility of 17 years indefinitely.

The benefits of increasing the age eligibility of a junior hunting license from 15 to 17 are numerous. For example, junior hunting licenses offer young individuals the opportunity to participate

in several high quality “youth” hunts made available by DFW and wildlife conservation groups. Junior hunting licenses are also available at a significantly lower cost than an adult hunting license. With both cost and limited opportunity and access known to be barriers to hunting participation, AB 284 will help ensure that more of our youth get out in the field for years to come.

AB 284 was heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on March 26th, passing out on a unanimous vote of 14 – 0 bipartisan vote. The bill now resides in the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it has been placed in the suspense file due to the measure’s surprising estimated revenue loss to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) of \$400,000. Projected costs to DFW include a reduction of \$275,000 reduction in hunting license revenue, a \$50,000 reduction in California Duck Stamp revenue, and an estimated \$50,000 reduction in California Upland Game Bird Validations.

AB 284 must be pulled from suspense, heard and passed out of Assembly Appropriations Committee to the Floor by May 17th to remain viable this Session.

AB 688 (Chu) – Firearms: Vehicle Storage

Current law requires that a handgun in an unattended vehicle be either locked in the vehicle’s trunk, in a locked container out of plain view, locked in a container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle’s interior and not in plain view, or locked in a toolbox or utility box.

As introduced, AB 688 – legislation by Assembly Member Kansen Chu (D/25-Milpitas) – would make these requirements applicable to all firearms and would also require the firearms to be secured to the vehicle’s frame using a steel cable lock or chain and padlock, or in a locked container that is secured using a steel cable lock or chain and padlock or that is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

While it would be extremely difficult for an individual hunter or shooter transporting a single shotgun or rifle to fully address the rigorous provisions of AB 688, it would be extremely difficult for hunters “car-pooling” to the field with multiple long-guns in their vehicle to comply. Further, it would be literally impossible for law-abiding Hunter Education Instructors, shooting coaches and others who must transport numerous shotguns and/or rifles for use by their students while on their way to/from the shooting range to adhere to the bill’s requirements.

AB 688 was heard in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on March 26th, passing out on a 5 to 2 party-line vote. The bill must next be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it has been placed in the suspense file due to the measure’s possible cost to the state of as much as \$200,000 for law enforcement to outfit their vehicles with steel cable locks.

AB 688 must be pulled from suspense, heard and passed out of Assembly Appropriations Committee to the Floor by May 17th to remain viable this Session.

SB 281 (Wiener) – Cow Palace Joint Powers Authority

As amended April 11th, SB 281 – legislation by Senator Scott D. Wiener (D/11-San Francisco) – would establish the Cow Palace Authority for the purpose of managing the real property known as the Cow Palace. Coined the “Cow Palace Authority Act”, this bill, among many other things, would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace, except as provided in any contract entered into on or before December 31, 2019. The bill would exclude from its provisions a gun buy-back event held by a law enforcement agency.

SB 281 was triple-referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Senate Governmental Organization Committee and the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill passed out of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on a 4 to 2 vote on March 27th. SB 281 then passed out of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on a 10 to 4 on April 9th. The bill now resides in the Senate Public Safety Committee where it has been set to be heard on April 23rd.

SB 281 requires approval of 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

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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.