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COMING EVENTS

- BBQ & Shoot, August 25
- Winter Dinner, December 9
- Board of Directors Meetings
- 3rd Thursday of each month
- Please call Beverly Valdez at 650-627-7601

Gunard Mahl hunt with Mike Murray at African Field Sports was a great success!

For BaseCamp articles, photos or ads please email Beverly Valdez, bev@safariclub-sfbay.org

DEAN WITTER'S 3,000 +/- ACRE WHITE RANCH WITH 3.5 MILES OF EEL RIVER FRONTAGE

PRICE REDUCED OVER \$1,000,000

The natural resources and beauty here are phenomenal, with over 3.5 miles of Eel River frontage, plus many creeks and springs providing water sources to the ranch, the pastures and the cattle. Wildlife is also abundant, including blacktail deer, elk, bear, mountain lions, quail, grouse, redtail hawks, bald eagles and more. This is also an excellent cattle operation with approx. 200 mother cows wintering. The privacy, forested areas, and river frontage combine for phenomenal recreational opportunities and serene scenery. Shown to pre-qualified buyers only. \$3,900,000



DEAN WITTER'S LONE PINE RANCH 26,600 +/- ACRES WITH OVER 16 MILES OF EEL RIVER FRONTAGE

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The main home offers 9 + bedrooms and 6 bathrooms, an in-ground pool and landscaped compound, plus phenomenal panoramic river views. The ranch also has several secondary homes, outbuildings, barns, corrals & fencing. It remains an excellent cattle operation, carrying around 800 mother cows year around. The wildlife is phenomenal, including trophy blacktail deer, elk, black bears, mountain lions, wild hogs, quail, grouse, bald eagles & more. Water includes the Eel River, the Kekawaka Creek, other creeks, springs, lakes & ponds.

This remarkable and beautiful ranch is being offered on the market for the first time by the Witter family. Call Jim or Kevin for more information. Showings will only be provided to pre-qualified Buyers. \$25,000,000

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer!

Congratulations to our new slate of chapter officers. I appreciate your confidence in me by voting for me to serve another term as your president. Special welcome to John Russell, our newest Board member.

Your Board works hard all year putting together special programs and events as well as representing you, our members, on issues relating to conservation, hunting, fishing and more. Remember, you do not need to be a Board member to help! We need help in many areas, and you may be interested in or have experience in an area that would help the Chapter and be fun for you. We need volunteers to chair events (Summer BBQ, Chapter dinners, etc.). If chairing an event seems a bit overwhelming, consider volunteering for one of our committees. Any Board member would be delighted to talk to you about opportunities.



Throughout the year our Sables Education Committee reaches out to find students and teachers to sponsor sending to the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) hosted by SCI at the Wyoming retreat. One student from this year has already sent us her photos and a short story you can read on page 14. Do you know a student (16-18 only) or adult who routinely interacts with youth (teachers, school administrators, scout leaders, etc.) who would like the opportunity to learn more about the United States Conservation model and enjoy the great outdoors? If so, don't hesitate to contact any Board member or the office for more information!

Don't forget to send in your reservation for our annual BBQ & Shoot at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays (page 18) on Sunday, August 25. This year our event is being catered by Frank's Texas BBQ and we'll be serving mesquite-smoked pork ribs and grilled-to-perfection tri tip. Come to socialize, shoot a few rounds and enjoy this great BBQ.

A new service offered by SCI is the "Hunter Information Service" (HIS) specifically for our members. If you have any questions regarding hunting, travel arrangements, etc. this should be your new one-stop source. HIS also offers up-to-date information on current regulations for whatever country or state your hunt might take you. See page 21 for more information.

Also in this issue we are including an alert from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife about several fraudulent websites purporting to assist folks trying to obtain California hunting and/or fishing licenses. Spread the word—be alert! Don't pay for fake licenses. Always register at a legitimate shop like Imbert & Smithers or at one of the two online sites run by CDFW. See page 23 for more on this hunter scam.

Speaking of hunting, in this issue we have stories from recent Chapter hunts. On past hunts we have gone to Montana, Texas, Wyoming, California and even Africa. We are always looking for new adventures. Please let us know where you would like to hunt or perhaps you know an outfitter that we could contact for a Chapter hunt. We do have a few spots left on the last Chapter hunt of this year – our "Ladies Hunt" at Legends Ranch in Michigan in October. More information on page 7.

Whatever plans you have, enjoy your summer!

Cathie Nelson, President

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Would you like to get involved? Join the Board!

Interested members are being identified. Board members have two year terms. The Board routinely meets ten times per year (monthly except December and either January or February). Meeting dates are the third Thursday of the month unless notified otherwise. Routine business is also conducted via email when circumstances require. If you would like to:

- Guide the future of hunting in the Bay Area and California
- Participate in decision-making for planning and implementation of conservation projects
- Help set priorities in terms of youth education and activities
- Have a better understanding of Safari Club International
- Become a leader for any of the on-going projects and fundraising

For more information, email Dwight (dwight@bealsmartin.com) or Cathie (2bliss@msn.com). Or contact the office at 650-627-7601 (phone / fax) or email Beverly (bev@safariclub-sfbay.org).



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SPECIAL NOTICE



BECOME A FAN!

If you are on Facebook, become a FAN of SCI-SFBay now to get the latest breaking news first. Just look for Safari Club - SF Bay.

You can also become a FAN of SCI National. Just enter SCI in the Facebook search box and join.

CIRCULATION AND ADVERTISING POLICY

We have added several new categories of ads for individuals so that you can show your support for this award-winning newsletter!



Business Ads

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- All ads run for one year, (four issues) printed in black and white.
- Special pricing for color pages is available by contacting the editor.
- Advertisers must submit electronic artwork to the Chapter Office 10 days before submission deadline.
- Business card size ads for members for sale of personal property such as sporting equipment or clothing will be accepted. There are no fees for these ads and they will be run for a single issue only unless resubmitted for additional issues. Must follow all guidelines for submission.

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Board off-site hosted by Dwight and Edie Ortmann at Clearcreek Lake. Good times and good work done on this day! Following the Board meeting Tomas Bermejo gave a tequila lesson that was wonderful to taste!

There were many requests for a repeat next year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-20

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 Hotel, Foster City

May 17, 2020

Wild Game and Awards Dinner
Three Flames Restaurant, San Jose



Above Left: Pamela and Stan Atwood shooting a 'few' doves in Argentina.



Above Right: Pamela and Stan Atwood show us that Argentina isn't just for doves, there are also plenty of ducks!

Right: Larry Lundberg and his 2019 Salmon, ID bear



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.

If interested, please contact Kelly at the ranch ASAP to reserve your spot; there are only a few left!

Where: The Amazing “Legends Ranch” near Bitely Michigan
Contact: Robert Sergi, Ranch Director or Kelly Wawsczyk, Director’s Assistant
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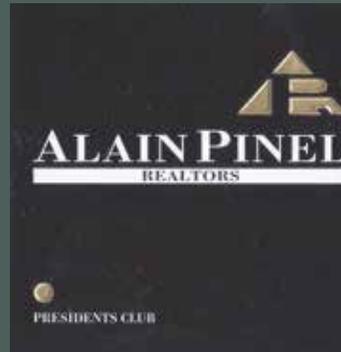
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CHAPTER HUNT AT STARRY NIGHT RANCH IN TEXAS

The Chapter coordinates several Chapter hunts each year. We have some standard hunts, such as our every other year hunt in Wyoming at the Tim Reich ranch and local turkey or pig hunts with our friends Josh Peixoto and Chad Weibe. But this is the first year in what is bound to be a series of Chapter hunts in Texas!

We are always looking for YOUR IDEAS of where and what to set up as our next chapter hunts! Contact any Board member or Beverly and let us know where you want to hunt with friends!



Chapter hunters (L-R) Beverly Valdez, Jeana Feige, Mike Menasco, John Ware. Paul Williamson was planning to join but unable to hunt due to injury. He will take his hunt later.

Mike Menasco recalls the Chapter hunt and how he finally became a Chapter member.

Several years ago I stumbled upon the SF Bay Area SCI chapter's website

and their annual banquet. I had never joined a local chapter but had been a member of SCI in the past. Each year I would think about joining but something always came up and then I'd forget about it for a year. Last year I noticed a chapter hunt for Axis and Blackbuck and thought to myself this would be a great hunt.

I got on the phone with Beverly

Valdez and within a week I was a chapter member and signed up for the May hunt. I had always wanted to hunt Blackbuck and this was the perfect opportunity to meet new people who share the same interests and are from my neck of the woods. I was in Texas for work and visiting family beforehand so getting to the ranch was no problem. I arrived just after Beverly and John who were in the middle of catching up with the owner of Starry Night Ranch, Robert Emmons.

Robert, in his Texas drawl, warned me of the large lizard that may now be in my sleeping quarters. They were making fun of how they chased it out of Beverly and John's room only to watch it run down and into my area. Ahh, this is going to be a fun crowd to hang out with. Within a short amount of time I was given a tour of the main camp and the history behind the ranch. I met Robert's wife Pam, and one of the guides Lon Kreiger. Soon after David Evans arrived; he was going to be guiding me for the next few days.



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After some practice shooting, Robert gave us the game plan for the rest of the week and said we were going to start hunting right after dinner. The pork cutlets and ribs were amazing, as were all the meals that Pam and Donna cooked while we were there.

The ranch sits in beautiful Texas Hill country. The property is thinned out of brush and trees but you still can't see any further than a few hundred yards in some areas. Hunting took place from elevated blinds over feeders. We would show up before the feeders went off and then wait to see what critters would show up. Robert had a good idea of what was coming into each feeder and wasn't concerned we would all take good animals during our trip!

That first night David and myself were in the blind for only a short period of time before some whitetail does showed up. Following them were two Blackbucks, with one of them looking pretty good. We knew there were three in this area and that one was not a shooter. The other two were nice, with one being a few inches larger than the other. We couldn't tell which of the two this one was but David said he was a nice one and after looking him over I agreed. Although I must admit, I'm not shy of pulling the trigger the first day if I like what I see, so I was easily convinced. Within the first 45 minutes of the first night hunting I was done and admiring a very nice 18.5" Blackbuck antelope.

We took some pictures and threw him into the back of the quad and waited until after nightfall to head back, as we did not want to interfere with John's hunt that was occurring in a blind that was between us and the ranch house. We had heard another shot that evening and upon returning found that Beverly had shot a nice boar that would go around 150lbs. Between myself, the guides and John, we made quick work of cleaning the animals and getting them into the freezer.

That evening I sat outside watching the distant lightning show and found out storms were heading our way. Sure enough around 2:00AM we were in the middle of a fierce storm. Being from Northern California I've seen big rain storms but this was something new as the amount of rain coming down and the constant lightning was intense to say the least. The AM hunt got delayed some because of the storm, but that didn't matter to me as I got to sleep in.

Over the next few days I got to relax. We took a tour of the ranch, sat in blinds watching game and were taken into Fredericksburg for some shopping. I wasn't planning on shooting a pig but halfway through the hunt Lon convinced me otherwise and on the last night I took a nice sow that should make for great eating.

The hunt was everything I was expecting and more. Robert and Pam are great people who treat everyone like family. They run an amazing operation with great attention to every detail. They specialize in trophy Whitetail but also have Axis and boar on the ranch. My time with them and everyone else in camp went by way too fast but I made some great memories

and look forward to finally being a member of a local SCI chapter.

Beverly Valdez was looking for exotic game meat to share with family.

When an opportunity came up for a Chapter hunt at a Texas ranch for exotics, count me in! I wanted to share some of the exotic flavors I have tasted over the years with friends and family who had not had the chance to travel and hunt for exotic meats.

Robert and Pam Emmons had lived in the Bay Area but returned to their Texas roots a few years ago when they began their journey as owners of Starry Night Ranch. They agreed to a Chapter hunt and provided dates and a discount price for the Chapter members.

I had decided on blackbuck antelope and also wanted to bag a wild hog. You can never have too much pork in the freezer!



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My first night in the blind overlooked a feeder that edged on a nice tree zone. As I was sitting there watching for hogs or blackbuck I saw a large tall-antlered axis deer in the field across the way. I was guided by Lon Kreiger; we talked about adding an axis to my bag -- it was a beauty.

But about that same time a group of hogs came in and I got down to business. It didn't take long and soon that hog was headed to the skinning shed. I'm not quite sure why he seems to be smiling!

The next day I went out in the morning looking for my blackbuck. We went further down the trail, with more trees around. There was a feeder at about 80 yards from the blind. After a couple of hours Lon nudged me and pointed into the trees. There, at about 180-200 yards, was a great looking blackbuck. We talked about it, briefly. Lon said he might come our way or he might go over the hillside out of reach. Since I felt good for the shot, I decided to take it. He didn't move another inch.

We had another couple of days at Starry Night Ranch and it was very enjoyable. The new guest house is very comfortable with a couple of rooms adjoining the small kitchette and one separate room away from the others. The meals are taken in the main house where there is also another guest room. Evenings around the campfire and mid-day looking out over the landscape watching the animals go by is very relaxing.

The Emmons have been donors to our Chapter for several years and I now count myself as one of those who appreciate the family atmosphere and hunting options as I came away with a great antelope and a wild hog!

John Ware says hunting Texas was on his bucket list.



I always look forward to Chapter Hunts. If you haven't been on one yet, don't miss the next one! I know there will be like minded people in camp that we can get to know, and old friendships to renew. Our recent hunt in Texas met those expectations well. We also had the pleasure of getting to know our donor / guides / hosts, Pam and Robert Emmons. We were at Starry Night Ranch, their place. The accommodations were very comfortable in a brand new hunting lodge.

I would imagine every hunter wants to hunt Texas at least once. I certainly did. No time like the present! This was a great, relaxing hunt. Game was plentiful, and most of the details were taken care of by the chapter hunt coordinator. Unlike some public-land hunts there was little doubt that with patience and tenacity the opportunity would come.

I felt confident, and we were seeing various game from the first night on stand, and that continued throughout the adventure. Everyone had something different they were hunting for, although blackbuck seemed to be the favorite. And so after almost every morning or evening hunt, someone made a stop at the skinning shed, and

had extra-exciting tales to share. Most of the hunters also eventually added a wild boar to their bag.

Robert was guiding me himself as I was the only one hunting Axis deer, and apparently they were the trickiest. They don't all come into hard-horns at the same time of year, so the available targets were fewer, and they are also more varied in behavior and harder to pattern. Robert runs his ranch carefully, with ample feeders with well placed and appointed blinds. Although we could have went for spot-and-stalk, all guides recommended stand-sitting. As usual we chose to go with the local style of hunting.

Even on the sits when we didn't see any axis, we saw plenty of hogs, blackbuck, and whitetail. It never got boring. On the second night a group of Axis deer came into our spot. There were almost too many bucks which made getting a clean shot on the right one a bit tricky as they jostled for position at the feeder. But with a solid rest at 100 yards, he didn't go more than 10 or 20 feet, with no blood trail or search required. I had the option to shoot one in velvet, but chose to take one that was more symmetrical in hard horn. Pam and Robert also both went with me after I'd got my primary

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target, to do some predator calling and maybe see if a nice hog showed up. I had opportunities at some smaller hogs but chose to enjoy the sits longer, and hope for a bobcat, which was not to be.

Some hunts are “once in a lifetime”. Some hunts are “once was too many”, and some just feel like they could become a regular event. Hunting in Texas is definitely an experience that I hope to make a regular event.

Jeana Rolsky Feige left the kids and work at home and headed to Texas to hunt with friends.



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Bob was hunting at Starry Night Ranch in Texas when he got this great "double drop" whitetail. The Texas Wildlife Association recently recognized this deer as first in class. It was one of Bob's last hunts.

Following a brief illness our good friend and long time member Bob Armanasco passed peacefully with his daughters at his side. Bob's father, Louis, instilled a great passion for the outdoors in Bob — he was happiest in the backcountry with his hunting companions, reveling in the excitement of the hunt and the fellowship of campfires and good food.

"Bob was a fine member for a l-o-n-g time and a very good man." Glenn Chrisman

"Bob enjoyed the Tequila event I donate to the fundraiser several times with his family. He was always a gentleman and a great sportsman." Tomas Bermejo

"We had some great times together; he will be greatly missed." Robert Lawson

"I will miss Bob — he was a great family man and he was a great asset to the hunting and fishing community." Beverly Valdez

"Bob was a man's man. He would give you the shirt off his back if you asked. Bob was my best friend, and I will miss him." Gary Uchtyl

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

by Eleni Morfidis



To say the least, the time I had in Wyoming at the American Wilderness Leadership School was an experience I will remember with great warmth and happiness for the rest of my life.



The people I met there were fascinating and excited to teach the students the things they were truly passionate about. The instructors taught me many skills which will be useful in the future, including, but not limited to outdoor survival skills, and how to advocate for an important cause. Additionally, I made many new friendships throughout this journey due to having no technology or other distractions. We all made close connections with each other despite normally living hundreds or even thousands of miles away from one another. I arrived to the camp with one friend, and left with 10 more. If I could stay at this camp for several more weeks I definitely would.

After our class time, we got to do some sort of hands on activity everyday. The days which were specifically my favorite, were when we got to do archery and shoot shotguns and rifles. We were all split into

groups of four and within these groups were competitions between us. It was so fun to have healthy competition while also learning about the safety and use of the guns and bow and arrow. I won the deadeye competition within my group and was very proud of myself considering I don't go out shooting that often in day to day life.

Overall the whole experience was eye opening and exceeded my expectations entirely. I thank everyone who helped send me.



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From: [AmmoLand Inc.](#)

The California Department of Justice’s new Ammo Registration is proving to be an epic disaster – not only is the registration itself drastically unconstitutional, but the process is impractical, burdensome and costly to both retailers and customers.

To that end, Gun Owners of California is working with other Second Amendment groups to gather statistical data from licensed ammunition vendors AND customers on the problems many have faced with the registration process itself. This information will be extremely helpful in strengthening our arguments in the lawsuit Rhode v. Becerra.

Our legal team has put together a questionnaire for individuals and licensed ammunition vendors who have experienced difficulties with the process; again, the collection of this data is of utmost importance to overturning the ammunition registration scheme. If you have an experience you would care to pass along, we strongly encourage you to contact us and we will forward the questionnaire for your use (or other individuals who have either been denied or have experienced difficulties along the way).

Gun Owners of California is strongly committed to fighting this new law and we hope you will join us in the process. If you have any questions regarding the lawsuit or the ammunition registration, please do not hesitate to contact us.

SAM PAREDES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA

About Gun Owners of California:

Gun Owners of California is the toughest fighting pro-gun organization in California. We spend 100% of our time fighting for the Second Amendment at the Capitol and electing pro-gun members to the legislature. We do not compromise when it comes to promoting your gun rights! www.gunownersca.com



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.

Levels:

- Bronze: \$2,500 – \$1,000 upgrade from basic Life Member (\$1,500 Life Membership)
- Silver: \$5,000 – \$2,500 upgrade from Bronze
- Gold: \$7,500 – \$2,500 upgrade from Silver



“Continuing Our Outdoor Heritage”

SCIF San Francisco Bay Area Sables Membership Application

Sables Mission

To further the understanding of our outdoor heritage, including the positive role of hunting, through the creation and support of wildlife conservation education programs that are consistent with the educational mission and purposes of SCI and SCIF.

Sables Member Values

Sables are leaders in educating others about the value of hunting and in promoting our hunting and outdoor heritage.

Sables Goal

To increase public participation in hunting and outdoor recreation activities.

Join online at

www.safariclub-sfbay.org



Join Sables

- Yes, I want to support the conservation and education goals of SCIF Education Advocate - Dues \$50 annually
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by Jeanine Mahl

Ever wondered about the outfitter that donated a hunt to an SCI auction? Wondered what the accommodations and staff would be like. It is definitely something to think about when deciding whether or not to bid on a hunt!

Well, my husband and I can definitely recommend two of the outfitters who recently donated hunts. One, African Field Sports (AFS), donated a rhino darting hunt. The other, Makhulu Game Lodge and Safari, also donated a hunt.

We didn't actually bid on either of them, but we ended up with the rhino darting hunt when our friend who bought it found he couldn't go. We had planned to visit friends after we went to AFS, but those plans fell through so we contacted Makhulu. We had met their representatives at our last Chapter dinner. They were able to accommodate us at virtually the last minute.

Both places are really terrific. Over the top accommodations and food at both lodges. Excellent, friendly staff at both lodges, and the professional hunters were just that—professional. They knew their job and their land. They knew where to find the animals we were interested in. We would highly recommend both places, and we would go back in a heartbeat. They go out of their way to ensure a successful hunt.

There is so much to say about each place I will review them separately.

Our plane from the U.S. didn't get us to Johannesburg early enough to get a flight to Port Elizabeth (P.E.) when they requested we arrive there. That meant an overnight stay in Johannesburg. We used www.hunterssupport.com and [African Odyssey](#) in Florida for our travel requirements. We highly recommend meet and assist services—especially if it is your first trip to Africa. These services really take the pain out of collecting bags and rifles and getting to the hotel within the airport if you



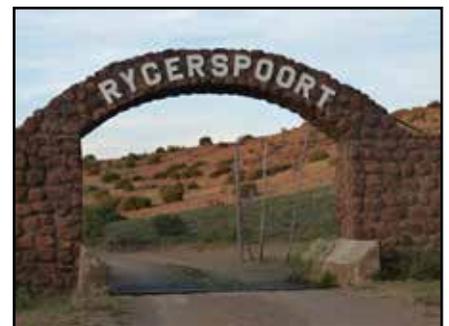
have to spend the night as we did.

African Field Sports is about a 45 minute drive from the town of Cradock in the Eastern Cape. It is about a 3 hour drive from Port Elizabeth after about a one hour flight from Johannesburg. AFS requests you arrive at P.E. early enough to make the drive in daylight! We were met at the airport by our PH. Daniel helped us through picking up our rifles, and then he drove us to the lodge with a stop along the way for lunch.

AFS never has more than five hunters at one time, and only if they are the same group. Usually they only have one or two hunters (and spouses) at the same time! There was only one other hunter, his wife, and a professional photographer there when we were. The other hunter was there for a rhino darting hunt also (SCI donation). AFS has enough land that we never saw the other hunters except at the lodge, and we were all there for

about 10 days!

Our room was very comfortable and spacious. It looked out onto the lawn beyond the terrace. Rhinos and other animals come onto the lawn at night and early morning. One night there was a large group of rhinos having a drink from the swimming pool! The lodge is beautifully and comfortably furnished with trophies and skins. There is a world record set of tusks (the real thing) flanking the fireplace in the great room. There are full body black rhino mounts, a lion, a bongo,



GUNARD MAHL HUNT WITH AFRICAN FIELD SPORTS HUNT



and more in the trophy room where we had lunches. The trophy room is in the original settlers building from the early days. (1600's I think) We ate dinner every night at a table set with linen, china, crystal, and candlelight. Several nights we had the days "catch" cooked in the fireplace on the terrace. When it wasn't too cold, we gathered on the terrace for appetizers and drinks before dinner.

The highlight of African Field Sports was by far the rhino hunt. What an adrenalin rush standing right next to that rhino while he was tranquilized! My husband Gunard, Daniel, and Zuko really had to hunt for him in the brush. They had to get close enough (about 20 yards) to hit the rhino with a dart (filled with vitamins). Three days later, the vet arrived to search for the darted rhino by helicopter and then tranquilize him. From the time the rhino hit the ground until he started to wake was less than 10 minutes. Very exciting.

The second highlight of the trip was the Cape buffalo. Gunard wanted a big one and a big one he got. 45 inches! Our PH, Daniel Long, spotted a nice big bull. Daniel, Gunard, and the tracker, Zuko, walked through the brush one whole afternoon, but could not find the critter after he went into the brush. The

next afternoon, quite late, they spotted him and managed to push him out of the brush. He was running full tilt when Gunard hit him at about 65 yards. It fulfilled one of Gunard's dreams. To hunt in Africa with his double rifles.

There are a great many different animals on AFS land. Many we didn't know existed. There is a springbok that is half black and half white that is called an Oreo. The other trophies which will be coming to our trophy wall are: gemsbuck, black impala, a nice eland (to complete Gunard's spiral horn grand slam), a huge roan antelope, a monster sable, a lechwe, and one half of a springbok grand slam, the common and the black.

Gunard stepped off a step he wasn't expecting while at AFS and twisted his knee. This made it extremely difficult for him to get around. Daniel and the rest of the staff couldn't do enough to help him and make his hunt successful. They took us to a local doctor to be on the safe side. That day we also visited the taxidermy studio AFS recommends.

We really enjoyed the landscape. You would look across a big valley and see range after range of mountains. It is a desert landscape, the karoo, and very dry. Lots of hill climbing, too. We were there long enough to have seen

a fair amount of the land available to the lodge. The lodge is approached by way of a dirt road from the highway and the property is entered through a very old looking rock arch with the name Rygerspoort over the arch. It means "Heron's Valley". Then you drive through a long alley of tall pine trees to approach the lodge. One night returning from a hunt, we were held up waiting for a herd of buffalo to cross the road in front of us.

All in all, this was a great place to hunt, observe animals, and enjoy the country. We would recommend it to anyone. We were there in May and June, which is their winter. It was never too cold—most days long sleeves and a sweatshirt were enough. In fact, the weather wasn't that much different from our home in San Francisco!

Watch in the future for our review of Makhulu (near Kimberely). Their slogan is "where the roar of the lion feeds the soul and stills the mind".



Editor's note:

African Field Sports will be donating again to the Greater Bay Area Fundraiser for 2020! They are one of our strongest supporters and we appreciate their generosity! Look for more details coming soon.

SCI LAUNCHES HUNTER INFORMATION SERVICE AS NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Safari Club International has introduced a new benefit that is available to all SCI members at no additional cost. The newly launched Hunter Information Service offers information on hunting travel, destinations, trophy importation issues and much more. The service features an online library and real-time hotline for information on all things related to hunting, hunting travel and sustainable use conservation.

The Hunter Information Service library is accessible through SCI's newly re-designed website (www.safariclub.org), which launched in October 2018. Under the Hunter Information Service section members may research hunting opportunities, destinations and species, requirements to travel with firearms, trophy importation regulations, airline restrictions, disease outbreaks in wild game and more. A searchable database of hunt reports submitted by SCI members will be added to the service later. An online directory of exhibitors and sponsors of SCI's annual convention will also be featured as part of the Hunter Information Service, giving members direct year-round access to exhibitors.

The Hunter Information Hotline component will allow members to call or email a knowledgeable representative with questions about hunting travel, trophy importations, hunting opportunities, updates on legal challenges to hunting, hunting-related problems and other issues.

While the service will be available only to SCI members, there will be some sections of the online library available to all hunters and the press. These sections will offer fact sheets, studies and reports on sustainable use conservation and how the practice contributes to saving species around the world and the habitat they depend upon.

SCI has contracted former Editor-in-Chief of The Hunting Report Newsletter Barbara Crown to create and manage the Hunter Information Service. She mans the new hotline and provides SCI members with up-to-date information, assistance and advice. Crown has 20 years of experience investigating and reporting on hunting-related news developments around the world and managing the hunt report program at The Hunting Report. The benefits of SCI's Hunter Information Service are exactly what Crown provided to subscribers of The Hunting Report and now provides to all 50,000-plus SCI members.

"Helping hunters get the information they need to make informed decisions about hunting and avoid or resolve hunting-travel problems is one of my passions," says Crown. "I've seen too many hunting experiences go wrong because of issues that could have been avoided with a little bit of knowledge. My mission with SCI's Hunter Information Service is to help as many SCI members as possible have outstanding hunting-related experiences."



The online Hunter Information Service is already live. Members can find it under the About Us menu of the SCI website and review information about airline policies on firearms, firearm import requirements for various countries, links to conservation departments across North America and links to all the professional hunting associations in North America and Africa. The section will expand throughout the coming year with more information on destinations and will eventually include a database of hunt reports where members can research hunting opportunities and operators. For questions or assistance, members may contact the Hunter Hotline at 800-997-0179 or 520-798-4859. Alternatively, send an email to HunterHotline@safariclub.org.

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 new calendars for a great time of fun and camaraderie!

DON'T BE FOOLED BY FRAUDULENT HUNTER/ANGLER LICENSE WEBSITES



Don't fall for fake online fishing and hunting licenses purchases! CA DFW has just recently been made aware of several websites that improperly charge customers extra fees for on-line fishing and hunting license purchases and collect sensitive personal information as part of their unauthorized transactions.

CA DFW is taking steps to stop these unauthorized sites but you must be vigilant! Get your licenses only from authorized websites — either the official CDFW website (www.wildlife.ca.gov) or ALDS (www.ca.wildlifelicence.com/internetsales). These are the only authorized, CDFW-affiliated links for California hunting and fishing license sales.

If you have any questions, please contact DFW Deputy Director for Communications Jordan Traverso at Jordan.Traverso@wildlife.ca.gov or (916) 654-9937.

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SCI SFBA Working to Keep You in the Field

On July 12th, the California State Legislature went on summer recess. When they return on August 12th, they will settle in for five weeks of heavy activity until the 2019 Session adjourns with the final gavel on September 13th. Below is the current status of just some of the bills the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International is actively working on behalf of our members. The status of the bills below is as of mid-July.

California State Legislature Update

AB 18 (Levine) – Firearms: Excise Tax

As amended April 24th, AB 18 – legislation by Assembly Member Mark Levine (D/10-San Rafael) – would impose an excise tax on a retailer in the amount of \$25 per firearm on the sale of new handguns, semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. The bill would create the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program and use funding from the tax to award competitive grants for violence intervention and prevention. Because AB 18 is a tax, the bill requires approval of a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature.

AB 18 passed through two Assembly policy committees this spring. Once in Assembly fiscal committee, the bill was placed on suspense and not heard due to its estimated costs of “hundreds of thousands of dollars” to administer and collect the tax, and an additional “hundreds of thousands of dollars” for the state

to administer CalVIP grants. AB 18 is now a “two-year” bill and cannot be heard until the 2020 Session.

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 purchase or sale of raw fur and products made from fur-bearing mammals and nongame mammals.

AB 273 passed through Assembly policy and fiscal committee in early spring and off the Assembly Floor in April. On the Senate side, AB 273 was heard in Senate policy committee in June, passing out on another party-line vote. The bill will next be heard in the Senate fiscal committee in August.

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 also applicable to shotguns and rifles and further require all firearms to be secured to the vehicle’s frame using a steel cable lock or chain, or in a locked container that is secured in that fashion or permanently affixed to the vehicle.



AB 688 passed out of Assembly policy committee in March. Once in Assembly fiscal committee, the bill was placed on suspense and not heard due to its estimated cost to the state of \$200,000 to conform law enforcement vehicles to meet the requirements. AB 688 is now a “two-year” bill and cannot be heard until the 2020 Session.

AB 1254 (Kamlager-Dove) – Bobcats: Take Prohibition

As amended July 1st, AB 1254 – legislation by Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D/54-Culver City) – would prohibit the hunting of bobcats until July 1, 2025. Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill would authorize the Fish and Game Commission to reopen a bobcat hunting season in any area determined by the Commission to “require” a hunt. Before the reopening of a bobcat season, the bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to complete a bobcat management plan and require the Commission to set hunting license and bobcat tags fees at the levels necessary to fully recover costs to DFW and the Commission associated with the hunting of bobcats. As originally

CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE UPDATE – BY BILL GAINES

amended in March, AB 1254 would have placed a permanent ban on bobcat hunting.

AB 1254 passed out of Assembly policy committee in early April – despite testimony provided by the President of the Commission which pointed out that wildlife management policy decisions, including whether bobcats are legally hunted, should be addressed by the Commission rather than the State Legislature. AB 1254 then passed out of Assembly fiscal committee in May, regardless of the bill’s estimated cost of \$2.5 million for DFW to develop a bobcat management plan, and off the Assembly Floor one week later.

On the Senate side, AB 1254 passed out of Senate policy committee in early July. The bill will

next be heard in the Senate fiscal committee in August.

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 Cow Palace. Among many other things, SB 281 would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace after January 1, 2020, except as provided in any contract entered into before December 31, 2019. SB 281 requires approval of a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature

Triple-referred, SB 281 passed through three Senate policy committees on partisan votes by mid-April. Prior to being heard in

Senate fiscal committee in early May, the bill was pulled by the author. SB 281 is now a two-year bill and cannot be heard until the 2020 Session.

SB 281 was likely pulled from agenda due to the action taken by the Cow Palace Board of Directors who voted in mid-April to discontinue gun shows at the venue beginning January 1, 2020. The Cow Palace currently hosts five gun shows a year, including the largest gun show on the West Coast for over 30 years.

For more information on any district race of California State Election 2018, please contact Gaines & Associates at info@gainesandassociates.net

STATE LEGISLATURE CAUCUS SHOOT – BY TOMAS BERMEJO

On June 25 I had the opportunity to attend the California Legislative Outdoor Caucus Shoot at the Yolo Sportsman’s Trap range. This shoot was organized by Gaines & Associates, one of the more effective outdoor lobbying organizations in Sacramento. Believe it or not, there are legislators in Sacramento that support and enjoy the shooting sports. The event was a big success

and very well attended. Besides SCI, the event was supported by the CA Houndsmen Assoc., CA Waterfowl, NRA, and other groups. Needless to say the shooting sports, hunting, and science based wildlife management are under threat in CA. Our support of events like this helps to educate our legislators.







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