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Dear Members,

I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed many adventures. As I write this, dove season is open and duck season is coming up. Remember, we want to hear about your hunting and fishing trips! Please send in pictures with a write up about these trips. It will be a great added bonus for your guide or outfitter and you will have the fun of "remembering" a great experience! You will find a few members' stories in this issue.

On August 25 we hosted our annual James Peters BBQ and Shoot at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays. We were honored that Jim's family, Delores, Jimmy and Colby could join us once again. Frank's Texas BBQ provided the yummy meal with all the fixin's. Buck Buchanan worked with youth and first time shooters as he always does. Everyone who attended agreed that this is an event not to miss, so put the last Saturday in August on your calendar for next year, August 30.



This year our Chapter will be having a Winter Dinner Celebration on Sunday December 8 for members and guests. Our dinner chairman, Larry Lundberg, has arranged a fabulous menu at Original Joe's in San Jose for this event. This is a great venue and downtown San Jose will be decorated to the nines with their Christmas in the Park. Please join us and get in the holiday mood (reservation form on page 20). We will also be distributing the Chapter Calendar at this event — pick yours up there!

We once again sponsored several veteran's activities over the past year. This effort, led by Board Member Glenn Chrisman, is one of our most appreciated and most needed Humanitarian activities. You can find information about the latest outing for antelope in Wyoming begins on page 16.

The Sables Education Committee has also been busy sending two educators to the summer AWLS program. Do you know someone who would like to learn more about conservation and the outdoors? See the story at starting at page 22 and share it with them!

We are headed into convention and fundraiser season. The SCI Convention will again be in Reno on February 5-8, 2020. Registration is now open at the website (scifirstforhunters.org). Attending is a great way to meet outfitters to plan future hunts and just plain socialize with other like-minded people. I would love to hear if you are planning to attend and perhaps we can arrange a chapter social one evening.

And, as always, we are really gearing up for the 2020 Greater Bay Area Fundraiser to be held on March 7, 2020 in Foster City. We could use volunteers to serve on some of our committees (Silent Auction, Raffle, Youth, Gun Club to name a few). It's fun and you get to know many more members when you volunteer — perhaps you will even meet a new hunting partner! In addition, we are always looking for donations (merchandise, gift certificates for restaurants, golf outings etc.). Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering or have any donations.

Happy hunting and have a great holiday season,

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MEMBER PHOTOS



Antony Caccia with red stag at Mungunui Safaris



Geno Caccia with red stag also at Mungunui Safaris — Mat Hall guiding



Tom Enberg with red stag (L) and fallow deer taken with Mat Hall at Mungunui Outfitters in New Zealand. Mat is a great friend to the Chapter and donates a hunt most years. If you haven't hunted New Zealand you are missing the treat of a lifetime!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

December 8, 2019

Holiday Dinner,
Original Joe's, San Jose

SEE PAGE 20 FOR REGISTRATION!

March 7, 2020

Greater Bay Area Fundraiser,
Crowne Plaza, Foster City



Tom Mattusch King Salmon on the Huli Cat



Edie Ortmann exploring one of many Prince of Wales streams

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Dwight Ortmann on a self-guided hunt in Prince of Wales Islnd (AK) got a nice bear rug!

MEMBER PHOTOS



John McGannon - Book Cliffs (Utah) bison -- one of only TWO non-resident tags for the year!



Beverly Valdez - Book Cliffs (Utah) bison -- one of only TWO non-resident tags for the year!



Above: John Russell wildebeeste at Makadi Safaris

Below: John Russell's kudu at Makadi Safaris

Frank Wentworth warthog at Makadi Safaris



While driving to Evanston, Wyoming the words of Darius Ricker's song, "When was the last time you did something for the first time?" came on the air.

Very appropriate.

I have always wanted a crossbow and I have always wanted to hunt moose. When I drew a Wyoming Moose tag, I figured this was the perfect time. My outfitter, Big Rack Outfitters, was cool with me hunting with it. Being that I'm primarily a rifle hunter, this was all new to me. Crossbow, bolts (aka arrows), broadheads, rail lube, string wax...things I had never given any thought to previously. My home state of Colorado only allows crossbow hunting during the rifle season which means there aren't many crossbows sold there. When you go online and try to do research you are quickly overwhelmed by the many choices. After talking with a lot of archery people and crossing my fingers, I bought a crossbow and started practicing in the backyard.

Weeks before the hunting season started, Big Rack Outfitters' founder, owner and main guide, Dustin, already had 4 bulls that he was watching.

Sunday, opening day, I had a small army for the hunting crew, Dustin, Dusty and Wacey. We saw a previously unseen small bull in the morning. Later in the afternoon, Kade and Breegan joined us and we saw a nice bull down in the river

bottom. We decided to go after it as there were a lot of willows to help conceal us. Dustin and I climbed down the steep mountain side to the flats while leaving 12-year-old Breegan on top to guide us in with hand signals. We got to within 20 yards, set up the tripod and I was getting ready with my crossbow. Dustin was raising his arm with the range finder as the bull took off with a start. What we couldn't see was that there was a female with a calf nearby and they had all taken off. It was exciting to be that close to such a large animal without a rifle.

Monday morning Dustin picked me up at the hotel at our usual 5:45 and we headed to the hunt area. While scouting, Dustin got a text from his deer hunter asking if we had gotten a bull yet because there was a large one near where he was hunting. We headed that way and saw the bull in a hay field on an old homestead. Dustin told me to get ready while he checked out the bull. Dustin came back and said we were going after it. He was excited by its size, but was trying to not get me too excited.

Dustin and I took off in the opposite direction of the bull, crossed a couple of fences and then headed down a fence line parallel to the bull. Dusty and Wacey stayed behind a barn watching the bull. We could hear but not see the sandhill cranes nested up in the field and calling as we walked through.

As we hugged the fence line, Dustin would glance at the bull, which by this point was watching us. The



A dream come true! Shiras moose with a bow!

bull started to slowly walk towards the river. Another glance told us the bull was now trotting quickly towards the river. The bull crossed the river and shortly after, so did we. The water was mid-calf deep. By this time Dusty, Wacey and Kade took off in their trucks towards the direction of where the bull was headed. They got to the top of a mountain and were guiding us in with hand signals. We hiked closer to the base of the mountain to try to keep our scent from going towards the bull and that's where Wacey joined us. Wacey pointed to where they had last seen the bull and explained that he was in the thick willows. We headed that way.

As we stood at the edge of a section of the river, we knew we had to cross it to get closer to the bull or give up and turn around. The problem was that it wasn't going to be another shallow crossing. Dustin looked at me with an expression of "Are you game?" and I replied with "Let's go." One never wants wet underwear, but after 20 years of

applying for this moose tag, I was going to do whatever it took to get me a chance at the bull.

Checking with Dusty and Kade, they guided us in closer to the last seen location. We found that the bull was still in the real thick willows. Dustin kept inching closer trying to catch a glimpse at the bull while Wacey and I waited. Nothing. We had a choice to either wait him out, which since it was only 8:15 in the morning could mean a long day of waiting and maybe missing him sneak out, or chance going in after him. I'm not known to be timid, so I said to let's go in. Wacey waited while Dustin and I slowly crept into the willows, carefully placing our feet step by step. We couldn't see the bull, so kept going in deeper and deeper.

The moose in this area are known for having white velvet patches on their antlers, and thankfully so, as this is what Dustin saw – the bull's white velvet. All we could see of the bull was part of his head and right shoulder. We got a little closer, Dustin put the tripod down and ranged him and said, "46 yards." Since he looked a LOT closer than that, I whispered with shock, "WHAT?" and he replied "46 yards, drill him.", which I did. Squeezing the trigger, the releasing of the bolt and the thwack of the bolt hitting its target all felt and sounded just like it did when I was practicing in my backyard. I quickly, as quickly as you can with a crossbow anyway, reloaded. At the impact of the bolt, the moose took off to our right, then left, then down, all within less

than 20 yards and a few seconds. Success! My first crossbow hunt and my first moose!

Huge Thanks to my outfitter:

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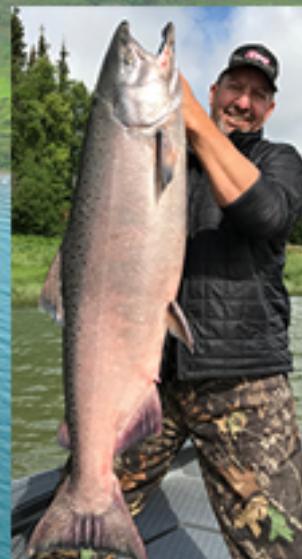
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The second part of our 2019 trip to South Africa took us to Makhulu Safaris and Game Lodge (Makhulu means big!) about an hour's drive from Kimberley in the Free State.

We had originally planned to visit friends, but that fell through and we already had plane reservations!

What to do? We didn't get a donated hunt, but we had met Heinrich and Angelique from Makhulu Safaris at the SCI chapter dinner in 2018 and decided to hunt with them.

Once again we spent the night at the City Hotel at O.R. Tambo airport in Johannesburg before flying to Kimberley. The Kimberley airport is small so it was easy for Henk and Elma Vorster, the owners of Makhulu, to find us. Henk was a great help in collecting our rifles and dealing with paperwork.

We were made to feel welcome at once. We were to be the only folks staying on the property, though a group did come in one day to hunt a buffalo. The food was delicious and plentiful. The entire Makhulu staff was great. Rika in the Makhulu office was a terrific help to us throughout our visit. The lodge is what I would expect an African safari lodge to look like. It was very comfortable and inviting. I loved the thatched roof and lots of windows. Most of the buildings on the property are brick and thatch. Our room was a separate bungalow (they call them chalets) located



Gunard Mahl celebrating his second Cape Buffalo in 2019

very close to an enclosure where a pride of lions resided. (One of several prides making up the 100 or so lions on the property now. At one time, Henk had over 500 lions. When the U.S. stopped the importation of lion trophies he lost a large part of his market.) The double fencing was approximately 10 yards from the back wall of our chalet. The lions roar at night, and it sounds like they are right under the bedroom window! I loved hearing them! When we arrived in our room the first evening, on our bed were two safari shirts with our names embroidered on them. We got embroidered hats at the end of the trip. Our chalet was quite large and had a kitchenette where we could make coffee or tea and keep cold drinks in the fridge. It also had a large shower and tub.

Henk and Elma's son, Heinrich, was our PH for the duration of our safari. He really knows the property and how to find the animals we were interested in. As Gunard had injured his knee at African Field Sports (a torn meniscus & ligament), it was difficult for him to get in and out of the truck and to

generally walk around. They hauled a step around to make it easier for him! Heinrich managed to drive the vehicle up quite close to the animals so Gunard was able to get the animals he wanted. Heinrich knew which animals were trophy worthy at a glance and where to find them.

The land at Makhulu was very different from that at AFS. It was flat and grassy for the most part, though there were rocky hills. There were lots of trees and scattered brush. No shortage of termite mounds! I found it very beautiful. Makhulu is the home of many different species of animals—some we had never heard of until this trip. There was lots of game to view as we drove around each of the five days we were there for hunting. It still awes me to see so many beautiful animals in their natural habitat.

We never knew there was a golden or a Kings wildebeest. Both are prettier than the more common blue or black. Gunard had already

MAKHULU: WHERE THE ROAR OF THE LION FEEDS THE SOUL AND STILLS THE MIND! (CONTINUED)

taken a blue and a black wildebeest, but he decided to go for the complete four animal wildebeest grand slam at Makhulu. First was the Kings wildebeest. Then came the golden, the blue, and the black wildebeest, all on the same day. What beautiful animals. Gunard also completed his springbok slam with the copper and the white. The other animals that will be gracing our trophy wall are a white blesbuck, a Burchell's zebra, a white flanked impala, and a lesser kudu.

The real prize, though, was a 47 inch Cape buffalo. Gunard wanted an even bigger one than the one he got at AFS, so Henk produced one for him! The day of that hunt, we had quite an entourage. Henk drove the big vehicle and Gunard, Heinrich, and I were on top of the truck. There were also three others along for the ride. Even more when the team arrived to load the critter up to take it back to the skinning shed! They really celebrate a buffalo trophy. They brought a basket with a bottle of champagne and glasses for all to celebrate. Gunard used his double rifle and made the kill with one shot!

We learned that the ruff that stands up on a springbok's back when they are running flattens out almost at once when they die and will not stand up again. Also, we learned that for a short time immediately after they are shot, the animal's eyes are a beautiful turquoise blue. I have a wonderful picture of Gunard reflected in the blue eye of his buffalo.

Another exciting part of this trip was seeing the lions being fed. A



Lions Feeding



Golden Wildebeeste



Kings Wildebeeste



White Springbok



Burchell's Zebra

neighbor had a horse that died that he offered to Henk for the lions. They load the horse into the back of a pickup and drive it into the enclosure with the lions. The lions drag the animal out of the truck and tuck in! We watched this "up close and personal".

We ended our 2019 trip to S.A. with a road trip from Makhulu to Cape Town and back (2000 miles or more). On the way we saw a great deal of the country and the coastline. We were on the road for 9 days accompanied by Henk and Elma. We stayed in lovely, old lodges and hotels. What they must have been like in their heyday! We visited Canga Caves (5th largest of its type in the world) and an ostrich farm. We also drove through the town where Christian Barnard was born and saw a museum dedicated to him. This road trip took us through the Free State, and Eastern, Western, and Northern Cape Provinces. Great way to see the country.

Cape Town would definitely warrant another trip with more time there. We visited Table Mountain (6,000 feet) the first day there. We took the tram to the top, and what a view. The weather was clear and quite a comfortable temperature for winter. The second day, Table Mountain was covered by clouds. We took an open top bus tour around the city and the mountain. Sadly, it wasn't as warm as the day before, but the tour really took in a lot. We also had a great view of the city from the Cape Town Eye. We just have to go back to see the places we didn't have time to get off the bus for!

Before heading back to the Kimberley airport to start our journey home, we visited the Kimberely Open Pit Diamond Mine site. Too bad it hasn't operated in a good many years. It was very interesting, nevertheless. No samples, though.

All in all, our trip to Makhulu was a fabulous experience that we would recommend it to anyone. There was great hunting, great animal viewing,

and great people there. We would love to be able to go there again. How lucky we were to have met Heinrich and Angelique at the last SCI chapter dinner.

Makhulu Safaris will once again be donating to our Annual Greater Bay Area Fundraiser. You will be

able to meet Henrick and Angelique at the event and hear more about this great hunt and others!

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Once again, the 2018 veteran's antelope hunt near Riverton, Wyoming was a great success. It was organized and funded by the Riverton Chapter of HUNTING WITH HEROES, a wonderful Wyoming-based organization that our SCI Chapter helps support.

For the past four years I've had the privilege of selecting three qualified disabled vets from Northern California to take on the hunt. With donations I collect for our Veterans Budget, I am able to pay all of our guest's travel and incidental expenses. We also donate to two more carefully selected organizations that do a great "hands on" job of getting vets into the field. The entire Wyoming trip costs our very deserving vets absolutely nothing. Incidentally, 100% of the funds I collect goes to supporting veterans. I pay my own travel expenses and the Veterans Budget is protected against all charges other than for veterans.

To qualify for his trip each vet must have a documented VA disability rating of at least 50% to receive a no-cost hunting license and tag from the WY Dept of Game and Fish. Land Owner Permits and individually drawn licenses are donated back to the DGF to be reissued to a disabled vet who must be sponsored by a recognized organization such as SCI. I handle

the paperwork for our guests as a courtesy to them.

Once in Riverton we meet up with nine other vets from around the country for a long weekend of incomparable hospitality, fellowship, and great hunting. We're based at a location about 20 miles from Riverton that you'll never find on Google Maps and are surrounded by many miles of private farms and ranches which the vets have exclusive access to over opening weekend. Once again in 2018 every vet punched his tag just as they did the three previous seasons.

Rather than go into lengthy details about what happened during this hunt as I have previously, let me depend on photos and selected "clips" to tell the story. Two very personal and very touching stories unfolded for which the whole trip provided some special inspiration and genuine healing. Not surprisingly, both stories involve Viet Nam vets.

Ted, a Marine Corps vet, came from Missouri to meet up with



Alan - 2018 Wyoming Antelope

Joe, a Marine Corps vet from San Jose, California . They had been in the same infantry squad that was ambushed in Viet Nam decades ago. Ted had been severely injured, burned, and had lost a lower leg. He was finally evacuated by helicopter. Joe thought Ted would surely succumb to his injuries. And Ted thought Joe and other friends would surely die in a seemingly hopeless situation back on the ground. For the next 40 years Joe and Ted thought the other guy was KIA. Then, several years ago, Joe saw Ted's name listed in a roster of his old unit prior to a reunion and called the number listed. Unbelievably, Ted answered the phone!!!

They've met at USMC reunions before this hunt, but everyone loved seeing them together, laughing and telling stories, and having a great time. Both took very good bucks. For Ted, it was his first big game animal. He's now hooked.

Another Viet Nam vet on the 2018 hunt, named Charley, lives in WY. Viet Nam is still very much with



Justin - 2018 Wyoming Antelope

SERVING THOSE WHO FIRST SERVED US (CONTINUED)



The 12 inch "Big Ass Bowie" awarded to the Viet Nam vet who took first trophy of the hunt; made by Glenn Chrisman

him in painful ways. A reserved gentleman by nature, Charley lives alone, has limited social contact and is not in good health. Yet he was thrilled to be invited on the hunt. A volunteer made the long drive from Riverton to Charley's home town and brought him to our base, then returned him home after the event. Charley got lucky opening morning and promptly punched the first tag of the day with a fine trophy. We decided that all things considered

I should present him with the Big Ass Bowie Knife with bull hide leather sheath I make for these events. Charley was thrilled and a very special friendship was formed. Those days in camp were almost indescribably special to him. He has told me several times that not once since he returned from Viet Nam so long ago did a single person say "welcome home" until he arrived at our camp. Then he said it seemed like everyone he met greeted him with "WELCOME HOME". The Bowie Knife hangs on a wall next to the beautiful handmade quilt presented to each of the 12 vets by members of the Riverton Chapter of Quilts of Valor. Charley says there's no finer tapestry anywhere in the world than that quilt. And he's saving space for a shoulder mount of his buck. It's due any day.

So, what did our three guests have to say about their trip to Wyoming?

Alan - 82nd Airborne Division vet who, among other things, made the jump into Grenada.

"UNBELIEVABLE GENEROSITY"



Elk antler belt buckle with gold antelope head for biggest buck taken; made by Glenn Chrisman

Justin – US Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. Served in AFG and Iraq..

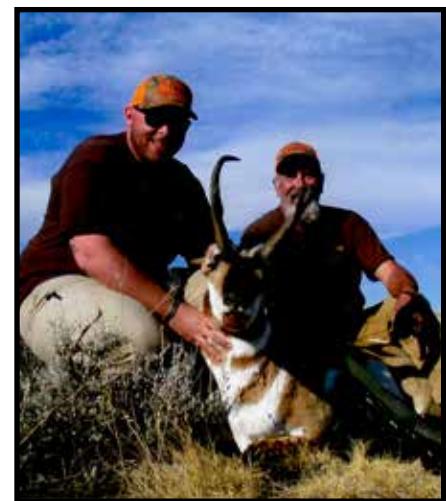
"PHENOMENAL"

He said that while the hunting was great, the fellowship and conversations with so many people in that setting of such hospitality was maybe even greater for him personally.

Cory - A Marine Corps vet who served in both AFG and Iraq:

"CHANGED MY LIFE"

Since the trip Cory has become an even more enthusiastic hunter.



Marine Corps vet Cory (L) with guide Denny



Cory (L) and Justin with quilts donated by Riverton WY "Quilts of Valor"



Trimming the briskets before smoking

I am expecting this year's trip will be as fully successful as was last year's. Every effort will be made by a large group of volunteers to achieve that. Reports are that this has been a very good year for horn growth.

It seems that every year, one or two guys out of the 12 are "Mr Lucky" when it comes to winning raffles at the big Saturday night dinner to honor the vets. One year it was a vet from Texas who had a foot amputated just one week before the hunt.. Two years ago it was one of our guys who won a rifle and then won one of four deer tags in a raffle. He went back and took a nice muley.

Last year it was Alan plus one more who were Mr Lucky. There were only two deer tags in the raffle and Alan won one of those plus a deluxe Eberlestock backpack especially configured for hunting. A couple weeks later Alan returned to Riverton and harvested an exceptionally beautiful tall racked 4X4 muley. At a little over 500 yds it wasn't a particularly difficult shot

for Alan. After all, he builds his own rifles for 1,000 yd competitive shooting! He had hoped for a 1,000 yd shot on his antelope so as to break the 800 yd shot record for this hunt. It was set three years ago by the vet who had his foot amputated just a week before the hunt. He made that 800 yd shot at the crack of dawn on opening morning.

I'm sometimes asked "how can you expect so much out of a weekend like that? After all, it's just a hunting trip". Well, I can assure everyone it's *much, much more than just a hunting trip*. As a long time volunteer at the local VA facilities, and with five vet trips behind me, I've gained some important understanding. Very simply put, many disabled vets tend to withdraw and isolate. This is much more pronounced if PTSD is present.

In and of itself PTSD is a full-fledged highly destructive disability. It is a prime factor in the tragically high suicide rate among vets, including older vets. Anxiety and



Petite slab of prime rib after hours in smoke oven



2017 Trophies on display at the 2018 Hunting with Heroes dinner

hopelessness set in along with other manifestations. Socialization greatly suffers. It's complex and multifaceted. Wonderfully, our destination in Wyoming is quickly perceived as a safe place because 12 vets with similar histories and challenges quickly relate and get to know each other. The volunteers are warm, welcoming, down to earth Wyoming ranchers, farmers, and blue collar types. Everyone back there is patriotic and honor veterans everywhere. The point is made by the Chairman of the event right from the git-go that the whole reason for this event is to say "THANK YOU" for your service. That gets expressed and demonstrated in many ways over that long weekend. The hospitality isn't fancy but it's the very best kind sincere and straight from the heart inspiring and healing.

Being thanked and honored while being related to in such a genuinely friendly, supportive and respectful way is powerful. The importance of being made to feel valued and appreciated cannot be

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underestimated. I tell my guys before we leave here that "this is your trip and it's our strong hope (and expectation) that you'll have a truly great time because it's all about you. Everyone you meet will try to help make that happen. If you need anything just let me or someone else know." I also caution them about the ever-present "danger" of over-eating, especially on the prime rib, brisket, or ribs from the smoke oven and/or all the home-baked desserts.

Perhaps the biggest payoff to this effort is when vets, especially their wives, tell me how much the trip did for them and that the positive effects have lasted. By observation, it has to do with an enhanced sense

of well-being, self confidence, pride and accomplishment.

One vet suggested it just might tap into the psyche of hunter-gatherers and bolsters a sense of self-sufficiency. Bottom line the event works.

My thanks to Chapter members who have contributed to this ongoing effort to support veterans, especially disabled vets. New donors will be greatly appreciated. The need is ongoing. Thank you.



Glenn Chrisman
SFBA Veteran's Chairman

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ANNUAL JAMES PETERS MEMORIAL BBQ BY JOHN RUSSELL

The 2019 James Peters Memorial BBQ and shoot was held at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays in Morgan Hill on Sunday, August 25th. This year's annual BBQ was catered by Frank's Texas BBQ. Frank's crew pulled their grill down to the BBQ area. Soon afterwards, the smell of sizzling tri-tip and juicy ribs filled the air as if to call the shooters to lunch.



Delores Peters enjoying attending the BBQ!

Buck Buchanan set up his firearms instruction area a short walk from the picnic area at station five. He brought about a dozen training, .22 rifles and shotguns for his students. Targets included high and low clays from different stations and spinners for the .22 rifles. Buck kept a calm demeanor while teaching a half dozen novice shooters on the fine points of handling a firearm. We both had a cold beer afterwards. After working all day with several students with firearms, Buck probably needed a cold one more than me.

The temperature was in the mid 90's and the picnic area's trees offered welcome shade from the sun. The shade, along with table cloth placement, kept the party of approximately thirty members, fairly close together. Several visitors and potential new members joined the event. Stories of past and future outings filled the air. It was good to see old friends and to meet new ones.

The inter-chapter competition did not happen this year. However, everyone seemed to get their shooting fix in. Jeana Feige and family had their usual "box" of shotguns. Delores Peters was smiling as she attempted to bust some aerial targets. My wife Sue and daughter Shannon shot most of the course after Buck's instruction.

I would like to thank all of the members who pitched in and gave a hand with this event. Until you work such an event, you do not realize all of the planning, preparation, and work which goes into such an undertaking. Help from the attendees made both Buck's and my job easier. Frank's Texas BBQ provided a tasty lunch and they will be coming back next year to cater the shoot.

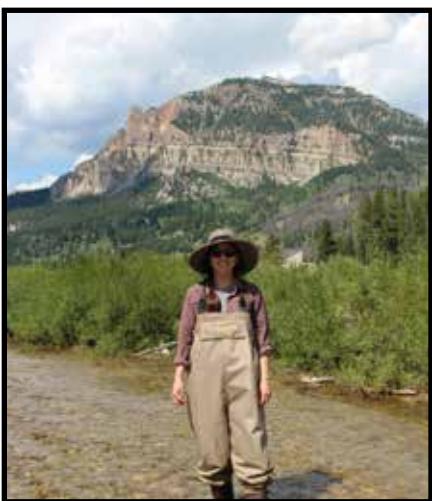
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August 30, 2020. We will see
you then!**



In 2019 we once again had the pleasure of sponsoring two educator/influencers to attend the SCI's American Wilderness Leadership School in Wyoming. Both of our attendees returned with ideas about how they will be using the information going forward in their lives. Below are their very heartwarming letters of appreciation.

Samantha McMillan

I wanted to formally thank the Bay Area SCI for sponsoring me to attend AWLS. I had an amazing experience and understand why the program is in such high demand.



Samantha McMillan



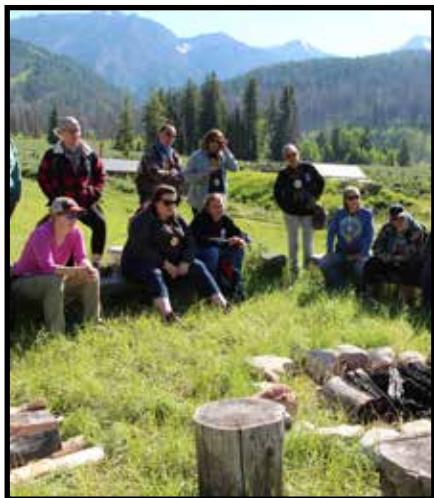
The AWLS course used the outdoors to inspire educators about the importance of conservation management and how everything is interconnected. I enjoyed being with a cohort of teachers and other environmental educators that had the same goals for bringing more of the outdoors into the classroom. We participated and organized several hands-on lessons through Project Wild, a wild-life based conservation and education program, that can be easily implemented in any school setting. For example, we did a simulation activity called "Oh, Deer!" that emphasized the most important elements animals needs to survive and how animal populations increase and decrease from year to year. I plan on using this simple activity with my students to reinforce the important lesson on how nature is in constant change. I believe this insight —that nature changes constantly — is necessary for students to understand when considering solutions or evaluating management practices for the future.

The AWLS grounds were a perfect setting for fun activities to inspire an appreciation for the importance of outdoor education. I enjoyed learning to shoot different types of firearms, practicing outdoor survival skills (building a fire and shelter), becoming Basic Instructor Certified (BAI) for NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), learning to tie flies and explore stream ecology. I am inspired and feel more comfortable incorporating these kinds of activities into my classroom. For instance, I am currently seeking field trip funding to visit Guadalupe Park River Conservatory, a local park that leads nature walks and hosts stream ecology activities. The variety of educational resources supplied by AWLS are instrumental in helping me bring in more immediate opportunities to discuss wildlife conservation and management issues in my classroom. I plan on reaching out to the California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network to further promote environmental

2019 AWLS PARTICIPANTS LEARN AND ENJOY (CONTINUED)

literacy by participating in professional learning opportunities in my area.

Thank you for this opportunity to visit AWLS, an experience that I will remember for a long time.



Daniella Dekelaita

I feel so privileged that I was given the opportunity to go to AWLS and meet such wonderful people. The campus is in a scenic valley and the wildflowers were in full bloom

when I arrived. Days were long (we were up at 6 am everyday and had class until 9:00 pm) with activities ranging from archery to survival training, and rifle shooting to fly tying (and many more!) scheduled back to back. The instructors were wonderful and I still can't believe how much I learned in those 6 days. I met the most interesting and passionate people, and our group felt much like a family after the first couple days.

I am now armed with teaching materials to provide instruction in outdoor and environmental education (I'm even certified to teach archery!), and as I finish my research project at OSU I am thinking of ways I can integrate teaching into my career and develop outdoor programs within my community.

I have shared some of my many photos here; my memories are forever.

Thank you again for giving me this wonderful opportunity!



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WILDMAN LAKE LODGE TWO HUNDRED FISH DAYS BY JOHN RUSSELL

I was fortunate enough to win an auction for a donated fly-fishing trip for two at the Wildman Lake Lodge at SCI Convention in Reno. When I met Gary "Butch" King at the Wildman booth he said "You can have two hundred fish days." I took his word with a grain of salt. Now, I know he was not kidding.

My son Bryan and I flew to Anchorage on Saturday, July 20th. The following morning, we made our way to Lake Clark Air at Merrill Field where we boarded a twin-engine prop that would shuttle us to the lodge which is located about 500 miles southwest on the Alaskan panhandle. We were on the milk run and it extended the normal two-hour flight to around three and one-half hours due to making four stops on the way. We did not mind since it gave us an

opportunity to see several remote communities.

Finally, the lodge's green buildings and gravel runway appeared and our adventure-filled week was about to begin. Upon landing, we met the staff and were told to get suited up. Less than one hour later, Bryan and I were in an 18 ½ ft aluminum boat with a 40 hp jet drive outboard. Our guide, Joe, took us about five minutes down river to the "Mine Field" to catch some of the world class Dolly Varden (sea run Arctic char). The river is artesian fed, crystal clear and has a year-round 42°F. It never gets muddy and its level barely changes, even after heavy rains. The river bottom was covered with small rocks and volcanic sand; this coupled with water between one to three feet deep made for easy wading.

Joe rigged 6 wt. fly rods with a bead under a float and we were in business. My first cast had a scrappy 20" Dolly Varden on within seconds after hitting the water. Bryan, who was new to fly fishing, had similar results. We caught and released 40-50 fish in a couple of hours before dinner. Fishing was not bad for just arriving and getting the feel of the situation. After dinner, Bryan and I waded 50-100 feet from the boat landing and caught another dozen Dolly's before retiring for the evening.

Each morning, we were awakened by a 7:00 am knock on the door indicating that there is a carafe of hot coffee waiting on the shelf outside the cabin door. After dressing, we made our way to breakfast which was prepared by a



John with king salmon

chef and a baker. Hearty breakfasts included eggs benedict, pancakes, omelets and fresh baked bread. Over breakfast, a briefing was held on the day's activities, which kicked off at 9:00. We would either fly out to a different location on one of the lodges four aircraft (a Beaver, a Cub, a Cessna, or a twin-engine Navaho) or take a jet power boat. All of the single engine aircraft are tail dragger and equipped with tundra tires for landing on unimproved surfaces.

On day two, we piled into the Beaver with three anglers from Texas and our guide. We flew to a river mouth on the Bering Sea. The plane landed on the black sand beach. We broke up into two groups with Mike, the pilot guiding the Texans and Joe taking Bryan and me to another location on the river. The king season was days from being over and the fish have been fished hard all season. The fish were not in a biting mood. However, we did manage to catch a few on a fly rod and a few more using cured eggs. We ate a shore lunch and headed back shortly afterwards after



Bryan with king salmon

WILDMAN LAKE LODGE TWO HUNDRED FISH DAYS (CONTINUED)

catching 19-23 king salmon and a rainbow or two. Our friends from the Lone Star state had similar luck with apparently thirteen-year-old Clay Alford dominating their group. Upon returning to the lodge, we went out and caught a few more char before and after dinner using orange woolly buggers.

We returned the following morning with Mike, the pilot who also guides. The previous day, we had hooked a king and it broke the line and was pulling a float and hardware. We found him still dragging the float in another section of the river. So, we fished for him. I snagged him twice and mouth-hooked him once using an 8-weight fly rod and an orange cone-headed streamer. He quickly he threw my snags and broke off my streamer. Bryan finally snagged his hardware and we landed him. The old warrior's head and tail were net scarred; hopefully he had enough energy left to compete his life cycle. After catching around twenty or so kings, Mike flew us down the coast to view walruses. We slowly walked to within 70-80 feet of a herd of maybe five-hundred bull walrus's sunning themselves on the beach. Apparently, they have been coming to this spot for thousands of years and the Alaska DFG has video cameras on the bluff overlooking the spot to make sure that they are not disturbed. This spectacle is a sight that few people will ever witness in person. A quick twenty-minute flight found us back at the lodge with a warm shower and hors d'oeuvres. Bryan and I went out and caught a few more Dolly's before settling in for the evening.



Bryan rainbow trout (creek)



Bryan chum



Nearby bear



One of hundreds - Dolly Varden



Walrus sunning

Hunter was our guide on day four. We were going out in the boat and fishing locally. Hunter headed a few minutes upstream to a place they call the "Aquarium"; a pool in the river, just below a small waterfall. The place was breath taking with crystal clear artesian water shooting out of underground water vents. We stuck a Gopro under the water and the video came back like it was enhanced and with an artificial background. The surface chop obscured the clear water and its vivid blue color. Suspended fish could be seen underwater up to about twenty-five feet away. We caught some char on orange woolly buggers and headed downstream to meet the Texans for lunch. Lunch was chili and moose sausages warmed streamside on a propane stove. The hot food tasted good and we were entertained by a pair of young brown bears which hung around camp and fished the local streams. Bryan and I finished the afternoon catching Dolly after Dolly less than two hundred yards from the lodge.

After breakfast the following morning, Joe took Bryan and me up Rainbow creek to try our luck catching trout. The small tributary feeding the main river was about a five-minute boat ride and a twenty-five-minute walk up a bear trail alongside a fast 20-30' wide creek with a slippery moss-covered rock bottom. We caught a few and lost a few more of the creeks' feisty rainbows using streamers and a deer hair mouse. A brown bear was sitting and fishing off of a rock about one-hundred feet away while we were fishing for trout. We

WILDMAN LAKE LODGE TWO HUNDRED FISH DAYS (CONTINUED)

fished our way back and met up with the Texans for a shore lunch of hot pulled pork sandwiches.

The other three fishermen had just returned from down river where they went to the shores of the Bering Sea. They spent their morning beach combing and found two glass net floats. We decided to try our luck and took a forty-five-minute boat ride down river to the beach. Bryan also found two glass floats while policing the black sand beach. We returned and decided to fish an hour before dinner. To our surprise we caught and released over eighty fish in that one-hour period. Most of the char were in the 15"-24" range with a few going up to 28" due to us targeting the drifts where the larger fish tended to hang out. We noticed that the Dolly Vardens were getting bigger and were fresher from the ocean as the days passed on our trip. Joe said that the salmon are about to drop their eggs and the char and the rainbows will move into the river system to gorge themselves with them.

Joe took Bryan and I back to the Aquarium the following morning. We fished steamers and dry flies for the pool's Dolly's. We spent the morning fishing and trying different techniques. Joe is a great fly-fishing instructor and guide and he gave us on-the-fish tutoring. We ended the day with untold numbers of landed and as well as "big ones which got away" memories.

The final day of fishing had us back on the beach fishing for pink salmon which were just starting to enter the river's mouth. We were

out in force. There were five of us anglers, two pilots which can guide and two guides. The wind was whipping and the fishing was slow. We hooked and landed a few fish. Bryan and Clay both hooked and landed flounder while fishing for salmon. We kept a few fish and Butch made us a shore lunch of fried salmon nuggets, which we ate with a pasta salad. Sitting at lunch and looking at the Beaver and Cessna parked on the black-sand beach with waves breaking in the background provided a picture-book setting of wild Alaska.

After lunch, we packed up and flew down to another river mouth along the ocean and had similar luck. So, we headed back and decided to catch a few more fish on our fly rods before packing them up for the mornings return to Anchorage. My son and I took a short walk from the lodge with Dillon and caught a few dozen more fish before retiring for dinner.

The lodge has a satellite telephone and limited internet. Both can be used for a nominal fee. The lodge provides spinning rods to the guests and fly rods for rent. The artesian water is very good and its purity is assured by a multistage water filtration system with a UVC light to kill any bacteria or viruses. Electricity is supplied by two generators whose engine heat is repurposed to dry waders and boots. A limited amount of fishing supplies and souvenirs is available at the lodge.

Mosquito's, "Alaska's unofficial state bird", were not a problem. I did not get a bite. White Socks, a tiny black

fly, were a nuisance. They would swarm you. The pests could be avoided by standing under a bush, a building eave, or with the wind at the back of your head. Bryan received a few bites on his wrists and neck. I think my neck-gaiter helped to protect me from getting bit. The lodge store sells head nets.

The lodge also caters to nature watchers who want to see wild Alaska. Nature watchers can see walrus, whales, Brown bears, eagle nests, and epic salmon migrations. Butch King has guided hunters which hold many of the top positions in the SCI Record Book for Alaskan Brown bears. Wildman has a "Cast and Blast" program where the angler can also fly fish for Silver salmon and hunt Ptarmigan on the same trip. We practiced catch and release and were careful to not take the King salmon heads out of the water during their release. Each fishing party is sent home with a twenty-five-pound wax fish box full of frozen salmon fillets. The fillets are harvested, vacuum packed and frozen when the salmon are fresh and plentiful. Wildman Lake Lodge offers the comforts of home in one of the most remote places in North America. The lodge's infrastructure is a feat in itself, with everything having to be flown in.

I would like to thank the Wildman Lake Lodge for providing the donation which literally landed me in the middle of no-where. It was a great trip with no hidden surprises. My son and I look forward to returning one day. And no, I didn't have a two-hundred fish day. It was satisfying enough to know that I could have if I wanted to!

When the gavel dropped late on Friday, September 13th, the curtain came down on the 2019 Session of the California State Legislature. With only hours left in the current Legislative Session, activity within the confines of our State Capitol is exceptionally intense with Legislators scrambling in a last-minute effort to get bills off the Assembly and Senate Floor and to the Governor's desk. Below is the current status of some of the bills of greatest importance to the members of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Safari Club International. The status of the bills below is as of September 12th.

California State Legislature Update

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

As chaptered September 4th, AB 273 – legislation by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez (D/80-San Diego) – will, among other things, make it illegal to trap any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal for purposes of recreation or commerce in fur and prohibit the purchasing or sale of the raw fur of any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal. Coined the “Wildlife Protection Act of 2019”, AB 273 also eliminates fur dealer and fur agent licenses.

Moving swiftly, AB 273 quickly passed through the Assembly and over to the Senate before the end of April. Once on the Senate side, AB 273 continued to move rapidly, passing through the Senate and off the Senate Floor to the Governor's desk on August 12th –

the Legislature's first day back from summer recess.

Governor Newsom signed AB 273 into law on September 4th.

AB 1254 (Kamlager-Dove) – Bobcats: Take Prohibition – GOVERNOR'S DESK

As amended September 5th, AB 1254 – legislation by Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D/54-Culver City) – would fully prohibit the hunting of bobcats statewide. Commencing 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. However, as recently amended, the bill would require that, before a bobcat season could be reopened by the Commission, the Legislature would have to appropriate funds specifically for, among other things, DFW to complete a bobcat management plan to inform bobcat management decisions.

The addition of language which would require an appropriation from the Legislature before the Commission can reopen bobcat hunting season is especially troublesome. The language would place an additional stumbling block in the way of a possible future reopening of the season by requiring that the Legislature specifically earmark funding for that purpose – a difficult “ask” at best, given the current makeup of the building.

Despite our fierce opposition, AB 1254 easily worked its way through the Assembly and over to the Senate before the end of May on largely partisan votes – despite



the bill's projected fiscal impact to the state of roughly \$2.5 million for DFW to develop the bobcat management plan, combined with the loss of hunting license and tag revenue.

Once in the Senate, AB 1254 continued to move. Although the bill narrowly passed out of Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee in early July, it quickly regained its momentum. Ignoring suggested amendments approved by the Governor's office which would have deleted the ban on hunting bobcats and focused the bill on mandating DFW to develop the bobcat management plan, AB 1254 easily passed out of Senate Appropriations Committee on August 30th and off the Senate Floor on September 9th. After a quick visit to the Assembly for concurrence of amendments taken in the Senate, the bill was on its way to the Governor's desk on September 10th.

SFBA SCI is fully aware that AB 1254 is about much more than just the hunting of bobcats. Although the State Legislature has banned a variety of “methods of take” in the past (such as the use of hounds for

the taking of bears and bobcats), AB 1254 is their first attempt to usurp the science-based regulatory process of the Commission and fully ban the hunting of a game species based simply on emotions. With the bill now on the Governor's desk – and similar legislation dealing with bears and other game species surely waiting in the wings – the eyes of the Legislature are closely watching to see how this Governor reacts to AB 1254.

Working closely with our partner SCI Chapters and other conservation allies, SFBA SCI is doing all possible to kill this terrible precedent setting legislation.

SB 220 (Hill) – Firearms Dealers: Storage and Security – INACTIVE FILE

As introduced, SB 220 by Senator Jerry Hill (D/13-San Mateo) would substantially increase storage and security requirements on California firearms dealers that already must comply with some of the strictest storage laws in the nation.

In addition to placing additional

storage requirements on all dealers – which, among other things, would include requiring all firearms be stored in a locked safe or vault, or in a windowless secure room that does not have a door exposed to the outside of the building – SB 220 would also require street level vendors to install barriers in front of the store's entrance, any floor-to-ceiling windows, and any other doors that could be breached by a vehicle.

Although some larger firearms dealers may be able to absorb the additional costs of these extreme security measures, SB 220 would drive many smaller dealers out of business – with the greatest impact felt in rural communities that depend upon the patronage of hunters and anglers at their local sporting goods store for much of their economic stimulus.

Senator Hill authored similar legislation in 2017. That bill, SB 464, was passed by the State Legislature but vetoed by Governor Brown. In his veto message Governor Brown stated "This bill would require additional security enhancements on the premises of all licensed

firearms dealers in California. State law already requires that firearms dealers enact security measures to avoid theft. Local jurisdictions can and have gone further by adding additional specific requirements. I believe local authorities are in the best position to determine what, if any additional measures are needed in their jurisdictions."

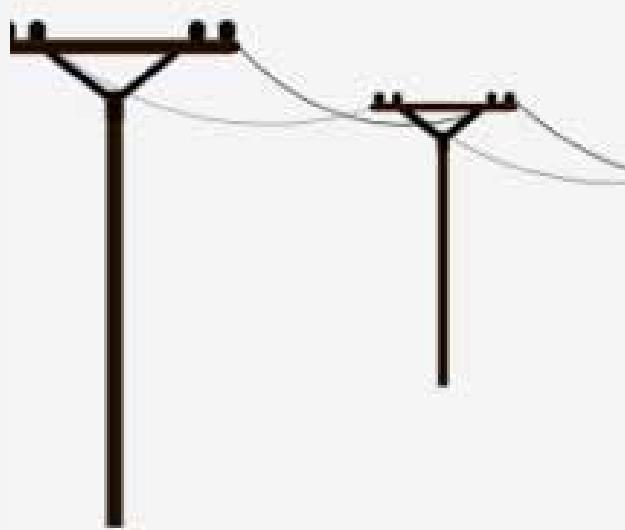
SB 220 quickly passed through the Senate and over to the Assembly via party-line votes by early May. Once in the Assembly, SB 220 initially maintained its momentum, easily passing through committees and to the Assembly Floor by mid-June. However, the bill stalled on the Assembly Floor and was never brought up for a vote. On September 9th, the bill was placed on the "inactive file". SB 220 is now a "two-year" which, at best, cannot be brought up for a Floor vote until the 2020 Legislative Session.

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

We had a power outage at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down. Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead and, to top it off, it was raining outside, so I couldn't go fishing.

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