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Next Meeting : When : Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM
Where : Casper Petroleum Club

Presentation : Chapter member Rick Bonander will provide a video presentation on his Green (catch and release) Hunt for white rhino in South Africa this past summer with Tollie Jordann. The video will also include plains game and lion taken on the same safari. Tollie will also give a promotional presentation on hunting with Tollie's African Safaris.

Agenda :

- 1) Welcome members and visitors.
- 2) President's remarks.
- 3) Chapter business.
- 4) Presentation.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 6, 2008. Chapter member Rick Ullery is tentatively scheduled to give a power point presentation on his recent hunt for Marco Polo sheep and Dagestan tur in Tajikistan.




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2008 ELECTION RESULTS

For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting on January 4th, the membership elected the following individuals to serve as the officers of the Central Wyoming Chapter for the next two years:

Robert M. Anderson	President
Roger M. Green	Vice-President
Elaine King	Secretary
Gail Zimmerman	Treasurer

The proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 1 of the by-laws proposed by the Board of Directors in the

December newsletter was approved by the membership with the result that the following members were elected to the Board (in addition to the officers referenced above and the immediate past president):

Paris Blair	Hank Donaldson	Sy Gilliland	Mike Moore
James O'Neill	Sam Scaling	Mitch Zimmerman	

2008 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

Tickets for our sixth annual dinner and auction scheduled for April 5, 2008 are now on sale and once again will be restricted to SCI members and their guests. Those chapter members interested in attending the April 5th event should get their Advance Ticket Reservation forms in as soon as possible to ensure seating for the event. As indicated above, seating for the dinner event will be restricted to SCI members and guests with the seating limited to approximately 300 individuals. An Advance Ticket Reservation form is attached to this newsletter and ticket sales will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Keep in mind that tickets for the event will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.

Seating for the event will be rounds of eight and we will accept reservations for entire tables with the tables priced at \$40.00 per table. Early table reservations will assure good seating for the presentation by our guest speaker. Table reservations must be accompanied by payment in full for both the table and your guests in accordance with the guidelines set forth on the attached Advance Ticket Reservation form. Remember that seating for the event is limited to SCI members and one adult guest/member so table reservations **MUST** include at least four SCI members per table. For new members joining in conjunction with the April 5th dinner event, we will waive the \$20.00 Chapter membership fee; however, the membership application must be processed through the Central Wyoming Chapter.

As usual, we would like to encourage members to bring their children to the event and we will have some special items just for the kids that do attend. The Central Wyoming Chapter has relaxed the one guest per member rule for children under the age of fifteen and we will reduce the price of the meal for children under the age of thirteen to \$15.00.

For those out-of-town members/guests traveling to Casper for the April event, we have set aside a block of rooms at the Parkway Plaza at a special rate of \$60.00 per night + tax (a \$25 discount over their standard room rate). You will need to specify that you are attending the SCI Dinner Event (Banquet) at the time your reservation is made in order to receive the SCI discounted room rate. For additional information, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.



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As in the past, we will sponsor both a silent and live auction again this year, with the silent auction beginning when the doors open and continuing until at least dinner. The live auction will begin immediately following our featured speaker and will be limited to approximately 25 items so that we can conclude the evening at a reasonable hour.

New merchandise that will be offered this year will include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following items: Browning Grade I .22 semi-automatic rifle; Canon PowerShot SD950 IS Digital Elph camera; Cookshack Smokette II electric smoker with base; 2007 and 2008 SCIF framed, limited edition giclee conservation prints including "Black Gold" by John Banovich (2007) and "Simba Shadows" by Jan Martin McGuire (2008); a Life Membership in Safari Club International; Lone Star Field Products "Spec Rest" rifle rest with tripod; Montana Silversmiths SCI Belt Buckle; several scrimshawed ostrich eggs from Zimbabwe; several traditional Zulu baskets in assorted sizes and designs; a TuffPak gun case with Tuff Sack nylon liner; and a Zeiss Diascope 65 spotting scope. We are still in the process of refining the Live and Silent Auction item lists and additional items will be added as they become available. Raffles planned for our 2008 event will include:

- a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds from ticket sales split evenly between the Central Wyoming Chapter and the winning ticket holder. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be priced at \$10.00/ticket; and
- a card raffle for a gun safe. Cards for the gun safe will be priced at \$20.00 per card and will only be available for a very short period during the dinner event.

Finally, we are evaluating a number of donated trips that may or may not be offered in conjunction with our auction. As of now, we have accepted two donations as follows:

- **South Africa Plains Game Hunt with Henk Brink/Kido Safaris**

Seven day 2X1 plains game hunt in the KwaZulu-Natal area of South Africa in either 2008 or 2009 for two hunters. A minimum of four antelope species must be taken per hunter and the hunt can be extended beyond seven days at the published daily rate. Chapter members Mike Keim and Jim Hoag hunted with Kido Safaris this past summer. Contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 for more specific information on the hunt donation. For additional information on Kido safaris, visit their website at www.kidosafaris.com.

- **Alaskan Fishing Trip**

Five night, six day fully guided Alaskan salmon fishing trip to McDougall Lodge (located on Lake Creek) or Talstar Lodge (located on the Talachulitna River) in Alaska for one person in 2008. The donation includes fully guided fishing, lodging, home-style meals, fishing tackle, and preparation of your catch. The package does not include the float plane flight to the lodge (approximately \$200/person), gratuities and alcoholic beverages. The trip may be upgraded to include additional fishing locations. Contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 for more specific information on the trip donation. For additional information on either McDougall Lodge or Talstar Lodge, visit their website at www.mcdougalllodge.com.

Any additional hunts/trips that are forthcoming will be advertised accordingly in the March newsletter and on our website at www.sciwyoming.com.

RIFLE RAFFLE

As you know, the Central Wyoming Chapter began our 2007/2008 raffle for the custom 338 Remington Ultra Magnum rifle built by Chapter Member Roger M. Green at the September 2007 meeting. The 338 RUM has been built on a new Winchester Model 70 action donated by Chapter Member James O'Neill. The rifle has been assembled with a Pac-Nor Fluted Barrel and McMillan fiberglass stock and will be at the February 7th meeting for viewing. Our thanks go out once again to Roger Green and James O'Neill for their continued support of the Central Wyoming Chapter.

Tickets for the rifle are priced at \$20.00 each or six tickets for \$100.00. We will sell no more than 400 tickets and the drawing for the rifle will be held at our regular meeting to be held on April 3, 2008. Tickets are available from Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 or from many of our Chapter members. If you have not picked up your tickets, they will be available at the February meeting. Ticket sales to date have been relatively slow and we need your help to get the raffle tickets out on the street for sale. All money generated from ticket sales, along with the ticket stubs, should be returned to Bob Anderson.

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CHAPTER PROGRESS REPORT

In the September 2007 issue of our newsletter (Volume 3, Number 7), we reported the progress of the Chapter from inception and listed those projects that had been funded by the Central Wyoming Chapter up to that point. Since September, the Central Wyoming Chapter has approved funding for the following programs:

- \$3,500 to support the Hunter Education Program through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department from August 2007 to August 2008. The grant was signed in January and the monies forewarned to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department upon execution of the grant application.
- \$1,000 to support the SCIF Blue Bag Program to date. As reported in the December newsletter (Volume 4, Number 9), the Central Wyoming Chapter has purchased four "blue bags" from the SCIF and will provide financial assistance to Chapter members traveling overseas who wish to take a blue bag filled with supplies for local schools, orphanages, health clinics, etc. The Chapter is currently supporting blue bag efforts by Rick and Michelle Ullery, who will travel to Botswana in April as well as Bob and Helen Anderson, who will travel to Namibia in June.
- \$2,000 to Conservation Force in October to support their on-going work to preserve hunting opportunities worldwide.

With the above donations, the Central Wyoming Chapter has now contributed approximately \$29,500 to various organizations to support wildlife habitat, wildlife conservation, humanitarian causes, and hunter education efforts.

In addition to the above, we expect to provide additional funding in 2008 for the mosquito net project in the Zambezi Valley of Zambia being undertaken by Dave Lundin, president of the Billings SCI Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of December 19, 2007 stands at 137 active members, with an additional 5 individuals whose chapter membership has expired recently. We would ask that if you have a friend or neighbor that is not currently a member of SCI, bring them to the meeting, introduce them to the Central Wyoming Chapter and urge them to become a member today.

ADVERTISING

The Central Wyoming Chapter continues to accept paid advertising in the monthly newsletter. Whether you wish to advertise your business or have a personal item for sale, your advertisement will reach our entire membership and will help support the monthly production and mailing costs associated with the newsletter.

Rates for personal advertising will be \$5.00 per item up to three lines. For business advertising, we have agreed to charge \$10.00 for a business card, \$50.00 for a full page insert, and \$10.00/column inch for any other ads. If you need additional information concerning advertising in our monthly newsletter, please contact Bob Anderson at 473-1268 or send an email to biologist@prodigy.net.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

A cash bar will be open and available during the evening for refreshments. For those of you who would like to come early and have dinner, you may order from either the bar menu (lighter fare) or from the regular dinner menu at your discretion - cash or check please for non-club members. Spouses are always welcome - be sure to bring your better half and introduce them to our chapter, some fantastic presentations, and the adventure of the great outdoors! Likewise, children are also welcome and are the future of hunting both in North America and elsewhere. We encourage you to bring your kids, introduce them to SCI and the Central Wyoming Chapter and promote our sport. As the SCI bumper sticker says: "Hunt with your kids, not for them". We encourage you to bring a friend, introduce them to Safari Club International, and help our new club continue to grow.

Annual Safari Club International dues are \$55.00 and annual Chapter Dues are \$20.00. Come join us to promote hunting, a great time and some tall tales! Bring your hunting friends - they need to be members of SCI. Pursuant to our bylaws and the bylaws of SCI, you MUST be a member in good standing of Safari Club International in order to be a member of the Central Wyoming Chapter. Any questions regarding the current status of your membership, please contact Bob Anderson at 473-1268.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or require information regarding SCI, the Central Wyoming Chapter, or the contents of this newsletter, please feel free to contact one of the officers listed below:

Name	Title	Telephone
Bob Anderson	President	307-473-1268
Roger Green	Vice-President	307-473-1112
Elaine King	Secretary	307-262-3220
Gail Zimmerman	Treasurer	307-235-1173

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