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Next Meeting : When : Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 6:30 PM
Where : Casper Petroleum Club - Sunroom

Presentation : Chapter member Roger M. Green will present a video of Derek Dodge's recent elephant hunt in South Africa.

Agenda :

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

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings Suspended for the Summer Months. In keeping with the results from the membership questionnaire completed in 2005, the Central Wyoming Chapter will suspend our monthly meetings during the months of July and August so that everyone can take advantage of our short summer season. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

2008 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE UPDATE

The sixth annual dinner and fund-raiser held on Saturday, April 6th is history and those of you who were unable to attend missed another successful event.




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The presentation by Mike Eastman was outstanding and included video footage of some truly wonderful mule deer bucks. We are still in the process of compiling the numbers for the event and hopefully we will have an update for our membership at the June 5th meeting. We would like to thank those of you who managed to attend our event and would hope that each of you enjoyed yourselves during the course of the evening. If you have comments or suggestions that would help us put on a better event next year, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Chapter officers.

As you may know, events such as this are not put on by one person alone and we need to acknowledge those members who helped make this event a huge success.

Key members of the committee included Paris Blair, Rick Bonander, Sy Gilliland, Roger Green, Elaine King, Mike Moore, James O'Neill, Sam Scaling, Gail and Mitch Zimmerman. A special thank you also goes out to Lorrie Moore for taking time from her family to help with the registration booth and handling the cashier's job on Saturday evening. We also need to recognize both Jerry Galles and Warren Youmans for the outstanding job that they did as spotters in the auction. Jerry and Warren, we couldn't have done it without you!!!

Finally, we need to acknowledge the financial support received from our local community for the April 14th event in the form of cash donations, merchandise or services as follows:

American National Bank; Anderson Environmental Consulting; Arrowhead, Inc.; Bar-D Signs; Barbara Barker; Rick Bonander; Brown, Drew & Massey LLP; Caspar Building Systems; Casper Electric; Casper Medical Imaging; Casper Urological Associates; Chapman Valdez Attorneys at Law; City Service Electric Company; Computer Associates; Marcia Davis; First Interstate Bank; Greiner Ford Lincoln Mercury; Jason Hamrick/Cowboy Drifters; Hilltop National Bank; Inter-Mountain Pipe and Threading Company; Jonah Bank; Elaine King; Major John Kriewalt; Landmark Builders; M&L Enterprises; Quality Petroleum Company; Robinson Construction; Searle Brothers Construction; Sportsman's Warehouse; Stalkup's RV Superstore; The UPS Store; Wells Fargo Bank Wyoming; White's Mountain Motors; Women's Health Associates of Wyoming, WY Outfitters and Guides Association; Z-Fam and Dr. Gail Zimmerman. The dedication of these companies and individuals once again helped make our event a success and will assist the Central Wyoming Chapter in promoting the goals of Safari Club International both here at home and abroad. When you see these folks, you should make a special effort to express your thanks for their efforts on behalf of the Chapter and our membership for without their efforts, this event would not have been possible.

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 March 6th 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.

We would ask that all outstanding tickets and monies be surrendered at the June 5th meeting so that we can conclude the raffle and draw a winner. If all tickets have not been turned in by the June 5th meeting, the drawing will be postponed until the September meeting. All money generated from ticket sales, along with the ticket stubs, should be returned to Bob Anderson.

PROGRESS REPORT

Since the “birth” of the Central Wyoming Chapter in 2003, we have grown from a core requirement of 25 members to 158 active members as of 05/14/2008. We have gone from having no bank account to contributions totaling approximately \$34,563 from the Central Wyoming Chapter to support various conservation, education and humanitarian efforts as follows:

- \$200 donation in support of the Teacher Application submitted to SCIF by Lisa Hawkins so she could attend the American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) at the Granite Creek Ranch Facility in 2004.
- \$250 donation to the Wyoming Chapter, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep for a predator control project in Bighorn Sheep Hunt Area 22 (the badlands area) east/southeast of Dubois.
- \$250 donation to the Tom Thorne - Beth Williams Award Fund in 2005 in memory of Tom Thorne and Beth Williams - veterinarians with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department who were tragically killed in an automobile accident.
- \$500 donation to High Places, Inc. (a non-profit organization) in 2007 specifically for the purchase of mosquito netting for native children residing in the Zambezi River valley of Zambia in an effort to reduce their exposure to malaria and support the medical mission of Dave Lundin, SCI Life Member and President of the Montana Chapter in Billings. The Central Wyoming Chapter donated an additional \$500 to this humanitarian effort in April of 2008.
- \$800 payment in support of the 2008 Teacher Application submitted to the Central Wyoming Chapter by Meredith Widiker to participate in the AWLS program at the SCIF Granite Creek Ranch Facility.
- \$1,000 to support the SCIF Blue Bag Program to date. 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 traveled to Botswana on March 29 as well as Bob and Helen Anderson, who will travel to Namibia in June.
- \$3,500 in donations to Conservation Force to support their on-going work to preserve hunting opportunities worldwide.
- \$2,500 donation to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust in 2006 specifically earmarked for the Bates Creek Watershed Restoration Project. The Central Wyoming Chapter also made application to the SCI Foundation for a matching grant with the result that an additional \$1,963 in matching funds was donated to the WWNRT by the SCIF. These donations were matched dollar for dollar from the challenge grant funds approved by the Wyoming Legislature in 2006 resulting in a total contribution of \$8,926 to the WWNRT.
- \$5,600 to provide the SCI Sensory Safari Trailer for the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo in 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- \$7,500 to support the Hunter Education Program through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department since 2005 including our sponsorship of the 2005 Hunter Education Instructor Training Seminar held in Cheyenne in August of 2005. The Central Wyoming Chapter also made application to the SCIF for a matching grant with the result that an additional \$1,000 in matching funds were donated to the WGFD by the SCIF for the Wyoming Hunter Education Program.
- \$10,000 donation over a two year period (2006 and 2007) to support the Wyoming Wildlife Heritage 2030 Conservation Congress held here in Casper last May.

A total of \$35,563 has been contributed to these causes by the Central Wyoming Chapter since inception - with approximately 83% of these contributions benefiting conservation and education efforts right here in Wyoming.

2009 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

The seventh annual White Elephant Bar-B-Que is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Best Western Ramkota Inn. We have already reserved the space, so you should mark your calendars accordingly. Also, if you have an interest in helping with the event in 2009, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

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SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

Chapter Member Bill Spicer has generously agreed to chair the Sportsmen Against Hunger Committee and has already started working on getting the program organized for the 2008 hunting season. If you are interested in serving on the committee and helping Bill with the program, feel free to give him a call at 307-472-2125.

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
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Elaine King	Secretary	307-262-3220
Gail Zimmerman	Treasurer	307-235-1173

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Just so you know, the mailed version of the newsletter is in black and white, while the electronic version is in color. As time goes by, we intend to start including photographs of recent members' trophies in the electronic version of the newsletter – which will generally not be available via snail mail. So you need to upgrade to the electronic version if you wish to receive the full benefits of each edition.

FOR SALE

Liberty Gun Safe: 30" wide by 22" deep by 60" tall. The gun safe was purchased about five months ago, the owner recently passed away and his wife would like to sell the safe. Asking price is \$800.00. Contact Lynn Swank at 307-265-8466 here in Casper.


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