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

Presentation : Chapter member Rick Ullery will give a power point presentation on his recent hunt for Marco Polo sheep and Dagestan tur in Tajikistan.

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

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 3, 2008. Considering the proximity of the first Thursday in April to our annual dinner event and fundraiser scheduled for April 5th, we will not hold a regular membership meeting in April.

Thursday, May 1, 2008. Kent Sundell, curator of the Tate Geological Museum, will give a power point presentation on his recent cape buffalo hunt in the Selous Game Reserve in southern Tanzania.



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2008 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

Our featured speaker for the sixth annual White Elephant Bar-b-Que will be none other than Mike Eastman, founder of Eastman's Hunting Journal. Mike is a living legend in the hunting world and is known as "The Authority" on western trophy big game hunting. We are truly fortunate that Mike has agreed to be our keynote speaker on April 5th and we can all look forward to an entertaining and informative presentation on big game hunting in the western US. Accompanying Mike will be the 2008 Eastman's Trophy Deer Display, which will be on display all day Saturday in conjunction with our 2nd Annual Mini-Hunter's Convention at the Parkway Plaza.

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. As usual, we will have a series of special gifts to hand out to those kids that attend our event

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.

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 less than 30 items so that we can conclude the evening at a reasonable hour.

New merchandise that will be offered this year in conjunction with our live and silent auctions will include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following items:

- 1) 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);

- 2) Browning Grade I .22 semi-automatic rifle;
- 3) Canon PowerShot SD950 IS Digital Elph camera;
- 4) Cookshack Smokette II electric smoker with base;
- 5) Kimber Pro Carry HD II handgun in .45 ACP;
- 6) Kimber Model 8400 Classic rifle in .270 Winchester;
- 7) life membership in Safari Club International;
- 8) Lone Star Field Products "Spec Rest" rifle rest with tripod;
- 9) Montana Silversmiths SCI belt buckle;
- 10) Nolen "African Series" custom knife in a classic clip point design with impala horn handle;
- 11) Pelican double rifle case with a lifetime warranty;
- 12) Platinum Grade African shooting sticks by Sporting Wood Creations;
- 13) several scrimshawed ostrich eggs from Zimbabwe;
- 14) several traditional Zulu baskets in assorted sizes and designs;
- 15) Swarovski SLC 8 X 30 binoculars with swarobright coating;
- 16) Swarovski Z6 1.4-6X24 variable rifle scope with CD reticle;
- 17) TuffPak gun case with Tuff Sack nylon liner; and
- 18) Zeiss Diascope 65 spotting scope with 20-45X variable eyepiece.

We are soliciting underwriting from area businesses for our auction items. If you are interested in underwriting one of the above items or know someone that may be willing to support our Chapter, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 for a list of items still available for underwriting and our cost for these items.

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.

Hunting/Fishing trips that will be offered in conjunction with our April 5, 2008 auction will include the following:

- **South Africa Plains Game Hunt with Henk Brink/Kido Safaris: Value \$4,200**

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: Value \$2,950**

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.

- **South Africa Plains Game Hunt with Abie Steyn/Steyn Caracal Safaris: Value \$16,000**

Ten day plains game hunt for four hunters in the northwestern province of South Africa for 2008. The hunt will be conducted in the vast North-western Province of South Africa and includes daily rate, licensed professional hunter, first class accommodations, meals, beverages, laundry, field preparation of trophies, trackers, skimmers, hunting team, support team, and transportation while in South Africa from Johannesburg International Airport before and after the hunt. The value of this donation is \$4,000.00 per hunter, for a total value of \$16,000.00. Hunters only pay trophy fees for the animals harvested during the hunt. For additional information on Steyn Caracal Safaris, visit their website: www.scssafaris.com.

Willis Duhon of Rawlins purchased this hunt at our 2006 dinner event and had the following comments on his recent hunt:

“First of all I would like to say Thank-You!!! to Steyn/Caracal Safaris for their generous donation to the Central Wyoming Chapter. Having bought the hunt at the 2006 banquet, our hunt took place in August 2007. I dare say that this hunt may have been one of the best hunts that our party of four has ever been on. During the course of the 10 day hunt we were able to take 37 trophy animals that were of excellent quality. Most were SCI records at one level or another. The PH’s were very professional and knew all of the African species very well. They took great pride in their profession and worked very hard to find the best trophies to hunt. The entire staff from the trackers and skimmers to the camp staff was friendly and rated better than a five-star resort. We spent days hunting and evenings enjoying fine cuisine and company. We taught the PH’s how to play Texas Hold ‘em poker and very quickly became the highlight of the evening (and into the wee hours of the A.M.). Upon our departure the PH’s said they were sorry to see the Wyoming Boys leave and that they had enjoyed having us. I believe the goal of Steyn Safaris is to provide the hunter with the best time of your life and they did just that. I went to the Reno SCI convention this year and Abie and some of the staff were there and the fun started all over again. We were invited to join them every evening to share hunting stories and also went to a reception they had for new and past clients. All I can say is we went to Africa as clients and left as friends. I know that at some time in the future we will go back”.

- **“High Volume” Dove Hunting with Francisco Riestra/Argentina Bird Hunts: Value \$4,500**

Three full days of dove shooting in 2008 in either Cordoba or Santiago del Estero, Argentina for 4 hunters. The hunt includes all meals and accommodations in a private estancia, open bar, customs clearing assistance and all ground transportation. Please note that Cordoba Package hunts are 4 days long with 2 days of ½ day hunting and 2 full days of hunting. Santiago del Estero Package Hunt are 5 days with no hunting on day of arrival and departure. There is an extra cost of \$180.00 for the arrival and departure day spent at the lodge to cover meals and accommodations. Each hunter must prepay

50 boxes of shells (\$11.00 X 50 = \$550) and license fee (\$195 or \$35 - depending on hunting area), with these payments to me made 90 days prior to hunt date. For additional information on hunting in Argentina with Francisco Riesta, please visit his website at www.argentinabirdhunts.com

- **Big Game Hunting in Spain with Giuseppe Carrozosa: Value \$4,900.00**

Five days of hunting for one hunter and one non-hunting companion. Hunt in the Toledo Mountains and/or in the unique Cork Forest (Southern Spain) for Red, Fallow and Roe deer as well as pure-bred European Mouflon Sheep. Next travel to other mountain ranges to hunt for any of our four different varieties of Spanish Ibex and our two Chamois species. This hunt will allow you to bag two or more of the following trophies: Spanish Red Deer, European Fallow Deer, European Mouflon Sheep (\$4,200/each); any of the four different varieties of Spanish Ibex including Gredos, Beceite, South-East and Ronda (\$7,600.00/each); European Roe Deer (\$3,500.); Cantabrian Chamois (\$4,800) and Pyrenean Chamois (\$5,500). Hunter is responsible for the trophy fees + hunting insurance, hunting license (\$350), and the corresponding 16% VAT on the total value of the hunt.

Besides wonderful accommodations and cuisine at our Hunting Lodge in the Toledo Mountains, where the Spanish Royal family has hunted for generations, you will enjoy different non hunting activities, shopping and cultural visits, like visiting the "Imperial City of Toledo", Royal Palace in Aranjuez, amongst other historical Spanish cities and monuments including cathedrals, monasteries, bodegas (wineries), and of course, the traditional local Flamenco Dancers.

This unforgettable experience is as enjoyable for the hunter as it is for the non hunting companion. For additional information on hunting in Spain with Giuseppe Carrozosa, please visit his website at www.giuseppecarrozosa.com.

We receive literally dozens of offers for donations each year from hunting/fishing outfitters worldwide and each year we try very hard to screen these potential donations to ensure that the trips offered in conjunction with our fundraising efforts are with upstanding and reputable organizations. We will assist the successful bidder with trip preparation should you so desire, but we are not responsible for any disagreements or misunderstanding that may arise in conjunction with your trip. We have included all pertinent information on the donated hunts and have also included website addresses for each of the above organizations where applicable and we would encourage those of you who are interested in one or more of these trips to visit these sites and familiarize yourselves with their operation. If you have any questions concerning these donations, please feel free to contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268. Any additional hunts/trips that are forthcoming will be advertised accordingly in the April newsletter and on our website at www.sciwyoming.com.

2008 HUNTER'S CONVENTION

As you know, the Central Wyoming Chapter is sponsoring a "mini" Hunter's Convention for the second year in a row in conjunction with our annual white elephant dinner event. We anticipate that the show will be open to the general public beginning around 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 5th and will throughout the day. As indicated earlier, Eastman's 2008 Trophy Deer Tour will be the focal point of our convention this year. We will also have the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Stop Poaching Exhibit, which displays trophy big game animals that were illegally taken within the State of Wyoming. We also expect to have a LaserShot hunting/shooting simulator set up for attendees to try their hand at simulated hunting activities. Confirmed exhibitors to date include: Brandon Bailey (wildlife artist), Don's Custom Knives; Eastman's Publishing, Inc.; Jim Blair Engraver; Roger M. Green Gunmaker; Sn-S Outfitters; Safari Outfitters; Sportsman's Warehouse; Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Wyoming Outfitters and Guides Association; and the Wyoming Wildlife Heritage Foundation.

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.

Tickets for the rifle are priced at \$20.00 each or six tickets for \$100.00. We will sell no more than 400 tickets – considering that we will not hold a regular meeting in April, the drawing will be re-scheduled for our next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 1, 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 once again at the March meeting. Ticket sales are still lagging behind our efforts last year 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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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:

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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.

