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Next Meeting : When : Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM
Where : Casper Petroleum Club

Presentation : Chapter Members Sam Scaling and Joe Vigneri will give a PowerPoint presentation on their November 2008 mountain goat hunt in Southeast Alaska.

Agenda :

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

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 12, 2009. Chapter member Geoffrey Smith is tentatively scheduled to give a presentation on his recent bongo hunt in Cameroon. Please note that the meeting has been set back one week to accommodate Geoff's busy schedule.

Please note that the March meeting has been moved to the second Thursday in March in order to accommodate Geoff's busy schedule.




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2009 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

Tickets for our seventh annual dinner and auction scheduled for April 18, 2009 should go on sale in the near future and attendance to the event will be open to both members and non-members alike. Seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis so it will behoove you to purchase your tickets early - we are still working out the final details and will post the information to our website www.sciwyming.com as soon as we have finalized our plans for the event. As in the past, tickets for the event will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.

As you know, our speakers will be Garth and Jason Carter from Cedar City, Utah and they will give a presentation on hunting big game in the western United States. We will be posting biographical and background information on Garth and Jason to our website here in the near future.

Live and Silent Auction Merchandise

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

Some of the merchandise to be offered this year will include:

- “Black Gold” by John Banovich - 2007 SCIF limited edition giclee conservation print;
- Two classic registrations to the 2010 SCI Convention in Reno, Nevada;
- Nolen custom knife;
- Pelican double rifle case with a lifetime warranty;
- Stamasus custom stainless steel damascus knife;
- Steiner 10 X 42 “Merlin” binoculars;
- Swarovski SLC 10 X 42 “Neu” binoculars; and
- two scrimshawed ostrich eggs from Taxidermy Enterprises in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

A complete list of the auction items will be posted to our website as we get closer to the event and additional auction items are secured.

Live and/or Silent Auction Out-of-State Hunting/Fishing Trips

We are currently in the process of evaluating a number of donated trips that may or may not be offered in conjunction with our auction. As of now, we are looking at the following trip donations which we will confirm as we get closer to the event:

- **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 in 2007, with Charlie Shopp and Kelly Boyle hunting with them this past summer. 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 2009. 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**

Ten day plains game hunt for four hunters in the northwestern province of South Africa for 2009. 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, and skimmers. For additional information on Steyn Caracal Safaris, visit their website: www.scssafaris.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 the 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.

Additional information on the two South African hunting trips and the McDougall Lodge fishing trip will be available on our website at www.sciwyoming.com.

Raffles

Raffles planned for our April 18th event will include:

- Membership drive and raffle for those individuals who join Safari Club International in conjunction with our dinner event. New membership applications must be processed through the Central Wyoming Chapter in order to be eligible for the special drawing. New membership applications will be accepted until the drawing on Saturday night.
- 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

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of January 12, 2009 stands at 143 active members, with an additional 48 members who have allowed their memberships to lapse. If you have any questions concerning the current status of your membership or would be interested in contacting any of these lapsed members in an effort to secure their renewals, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

Buy, Sell and Trade Firearms

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In conjunction with the Great Rockies Sport Show this weekend, we will be initiating a membership drive for new members. Any adult that joins SCI and the Central Wyoming Chapter will receive one entry in a drawing to be held for a brand new Weatherby Vanguard bolt action rifle in .270 Winchester, fitted with a Leupold Vari-X II 3X9 variable scope. The membership drive will conclude on April 18, 2009 and the winner of the rifle will be drawn in conjunction with the dinner event. The annual membership fee of the Central Wyoming Chapter will be waived for new members joining in conjunction with this membership drive, but all memberships must be processed directly through the Central Wyoming Chapter to be eligible for the drawing. In addition, the winner of the rifle must be over 18 years of age and legally eligible to own a firearm in accordance with existing federal firearms laws.

WEBSITE

The new website is up and running and I hope that each of you will take some time to visit the site - I think that you will be impressed with the end product. We have already received comments from several individuals in the national organization to the effect that our new site is the best one that they have seen, so I think that you might want to take a look and see what we have done. The calendar will be a good place to visit on a regular basis to see what is going on and to remind you of important dates relative to SCI, the Central Wyoming Chapter, and hunting in general. As each new edition of the newsletter comes out, it will be posted to the website, along with information on the upcoming dinner event and other items of interest to both our readers and the interested public – so I would encourage you to visit the site monthly to keep abreast of what's happening.

As discussed last month, the site also includes a trophy room where we have posted pictures of selected trophies taken by our members. If you have digital photos of that special trophy that you would like to display on the new website, please forward your digital photographs to Bob Anderson along with some basic information concerning the species, date harvested, where taken, etc. and we will get your photos posted to the site. Please do not alter your photographs, send the original digital image with the information requested and we will take it from there.

Again, our website address will remain www.sciwyoming.com and we hope that the redesigned site will serve as a platform not only to disseminate information to the general public about our organization but also as an informational service to our members concerning upcoming events, matters of local and national importance, and information on our ongoing programs for conservation, education and humanitarian services. There will also be an opportunity for limited advertising on our site and if we have members who would like to advertise their goods and services on the site, you will need to give Bob Anderson a call at 307-473-1268.

RAFFLE FOR 2009 WYOMING COMMISSIONER'S LICENSE

The Central Wyoming Chapter, Safari Club International will be raffling a complimentary big game license for the 2009 Wyoming big game hunting season generously provide by Commission President and Chapter Member Jerry Galles. The license will be valid for one specific species (either antelope, deer or elk) and for one specific region or hunt area to be designated by the raffle winner.

Holders of complimentary licenses are exempt from the provisions of Wyoming State Law limiting the number of licenses an individual can possess in any one calendar year. Please note that complimentary elk licenses are not valid for elk hunt areas 75, 76 and 79 which are located within Grand Teton National Park. The winner will be responsible for applicable license fees.

Tickets for the license are priced at \$20 each, six (6) tickets for \$100, or thirteen (13) tickets for \$200 (best deal) and are available from Bob Anderson - or you can download the form from our website (www.sciwyoming.com) and mail along with payment to our address shown below. The drawing for the license will be held on April 18, 2009 in conjunction with our seventh annual White Elephant Dinner Event.

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 for individual memberships. 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

NOTICE

If you have news or announcements that you would like included in future issues of the newsletter, please forward your information to Bob Anderson: biologist@prodigy.net.

Finally, if any of our members have experience with Desktop Publishing and would like to take a swing at upgrading our newsletter, we would be grateful for the help. The Central Wyoming Chapter has a real chance to win a major award from SCI in 2009 if we can take our chapter activities to the next step, so we would appreciate any help from our membership to enhance the newsletter or become more involved in SCI and SCIF programs to promote the mission of SCI locally and on a state-wide basis. So, if you have an interest in helping us to be all that we can be, please contact Bob to discuss these possibilities.

