

**Central
Wyoming
Chapter**



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**Next Meeting : When : Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 6:30 PM
Where : Casper Petroleum Club**

Presentation : Chapter Member Geoffrey Smith will give a PowerPoint presentation on his recent bongo hunt in Cameroon.

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

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2, 2009. The Board of Directors has not yet decided if we will have a meeting in April. A decision will be made and announced in the next newsletter.

Thursday, May 7, 2009. Speaker to be announced.

Thursday, June 4, 2009. Speaker to be announced.

As usual, our monthly meetings will be suspended for the months of July and August for summer vacation. Meetings will resume in September with our regular monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2009.




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The strength of any organization lies in its membership and the willingness of individual members to step up and volunteer their time to help make the organization grow and prosper. Upon conclusion of my first year as President of the Central Wyoming Chapter, I am encouraged by the willingness of our membership to step up and help with various tasks such as the Sensory Safari Trailer initiative, the Great Rockies Sport Show, and the annual fund raiser. I am proud to be a member of SCI and am honored to be your President. As we move into 2009, the Central Wyoming Chapter needs to look to the future and start working together to ensure the long-term viability of our chapter.

As a member of SCI's Membership and Chapter Development Committee (MCDC), we see one to two chapters each month that have fallen into disarray and are subsequently dissolved because they are no longer functioning chapters. One of the most common reasons for the dissolution of these Chapters is the lack of ongoing leadership within the Chapter. New Chapters typically take off with a roar and then die with a whimper because the driving personalities behind the original organization of the Chapter ultimately either burn out or lose interest due to a lack of support. Together, we have forged a Chapter that is now 150 members strong and still growing, but your continued support is not only necessary but vital to our continued viability. In the coming weeks and months, I would ask each of you to consider what role you can play in the management of the Central Wyoming Chapter and that you consider volunteering some of your time to help keep our Chapter strong and viable.

2009 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

Tickets for our seventh annual dinner and auction scheduled for April 18, 2009 are now on sale and seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Membership in SCI is not required to attend, but we would encourage non-members to join SCI and help us preserve our hunting heritage. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person (\$25 for children 12 and under) and will include a 12 oz prime rib dinner with baked potato, garden vegetable, dinner salad and dessert. Draft beer will be provided free of charge for our guests who are of legal age. We will also have a cash bar for those individuals who prefer bottled beer, wine or cocktails.

We plan on doing things a bit differently this year and a dinner ticket will be required for admittance to the event. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Board of Directors or can be ordered using the form attached herewith. Seating will be rounds of eight and we will reserve tables once again this year (also on a first-come, first-served basis). A reserved table will cost \$50.00 and the table reservation MUST include payment for all eight seats – we will not accept reservations for partial tables as it was just too confusing last year. A Dinner Ticket Reservation form (copy attached) naming those individuals who you intend to seat at your table must be included. Additional information and the appropriate forms can be found on our website: www.sciwyo.com under the Events Tab.

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.

Merchandise that has been obtained since the February issue of the newsletter includes the following items:

- African Shooting Sticks crafted out of solid hickory by Long Grass Outfitters;
- Custom woven horsehair rifle slings (2) by Colorado Horsehair
- Diamond Blade limited edition chapter knife (1 of 1);
- African Shooting Sticks crafted out of solid hickory by Long Grass Outfitters;
- Glock 21 semi-auto handgun in .45 ACP with three 13-round magazines;
- Kimber Eclipse Pro II semi-auto handgun in .45 ACP; and
- Two large Zulu baskets from Ilala Weavers in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

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

In addition to the hunting/fishing trips outlined in the previous issue of the newsletter, we have also received a donation from Global Sporting Safaris for a dove hunt in Argentina for two hunters at the 5-Star Estancia Los Chanares in Cordoba. Additional information on this hunt will be placed in our April newsletter and will also be posted to our website upon receipt thereof.

Additional information on the hunting/fishing trips to be offered at our Seventh Annual White Elephant Dinner Event will be available on our website at www.sciwyoming.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of February 18, 2009 stands at 151 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 renewal, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

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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 has been 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. Application forms are available at www.sciwyoming.com.

There are two classes of membership that are not well advertised by SCI including the **Young Hunter** membership and the **Family** membership. The Young Hunter membership is available to youths under the age of 17 for an annual membership fee of \$15 - the Central Wyoming Chapter has waived our annual chapter dues for Young Hunter memberships in an attempt to encourage participation from our youth. Family memberships are available to families consisting of both spouses and any children under the age of 17 for an annual membership fee of \$95 (annual SCI dues are \$75 and the annual Chapter dues are \$20 for one adult family member). If you are interested in either of these memberships, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

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.

GREAT ROCKIES SPORT SHOW

The first Great Rockies Sport Show was held the last weekend of January (January 30 - February 1) at the Casper Events Center and hopefully most of you made it up to the show - if you didn't, you missed a good event. There were a good number of exhibitors including a number of outfitters from southern Africa. For the first show, I thought that it was reasonably well represented by a cross-section of exhibitors and I also felt that we had a fairly good turnout from Casper and the surrounding area. In talking with several of the exhibitors, they expressed disappointment with the turnout, but I explained that this was the first event of this nature in Casper in quite some time and that we needed to give it some time. These comments point out how important community support for these events really is and that without the support of the community we will not be able to look forward to events of this nature in the future. It will remain to be seen if the event comes back to Casper next year - let's hope so, as I generally

found the show to be quite good. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who helped with our booth on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Your efforts resulted in the recruitment of nine new members for the Chapter and also supported our mission of informing the community about SCI and what we do to protect and preserve our hunting heritage. Your time and efforts in this regard are sincerely appreciated.

RAFFLE FOR 2009 WYOMING COMMISSIONER'S LICENSE

The Central Wyoming Chapter, Safari Club International is 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 or his/her designee. The license can be transferred to anyone of your choice PRIOR to issuance but can not be sold for more than \$20 (price of one raffle ticket). 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 a copy of the application form is attached to the electronic version of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from our website at www.sciwyoming.com.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE RENO CONVENTION

I have included a copy of a report titled "Update on Litigation and Regulatory Matters" that was included in our package of materials handed out at the January SCI Board of Directors meeting held in Reno, Nevada on Thursday morning, January 22, 2009. This report contains a synopsis of SCI's current and on-going efforts to preserve our hunting heritage - I trust that you will find the attachment informational - I have included this information in an attempt to keep you informed of SCI's activities on your behalf.

I have also enclosed an electronic copy of a certificate that was presented to the Central Wyoming Chapter by the U.S. Army during the convention in Reno. Each chapter was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the U.S. Army for SCI's continued support of our troops. There was a formal presentation and is the certificate is their way of saying "Thank You" to all of our members who have and continue to support our troops both overseas and here at home.

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
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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 or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268 or send an email to: 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.

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