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Chapter**



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**Next Meeting** : **When** : **Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM**  
**Where** : **Casper Petroleum Club**

**Presentation** : Chapter Member Derek Dodge will show a video of his recent hunt in Zambia with Royal Zambezi Wildlife Safaris, which will be followed with a PowerPoint Presentation on hunting in Zambia by representatives of Royal Zambezi Wildlife Safaris.

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

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, March 4, 2010:** Dr. Gail Zimmerman will present a video on his 2009 African hunting adventures.

**Thursday, April 1, 2010:** No meeting is planned in April as a result of the dinner event, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 10.

**Saturday, April 10, 2010:** Eighth Annual White Elephant Dinner and Fund Raiser to be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel here in Casper. Our featured speaker is tentatively scheduled to be Dr. Larry Rudolph, President of Safari Club International.




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## 2010 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A quorum of members was present for the meeting on January 7, 2010 and elections were held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Central Wyoming Chapter. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were accepted and unanimously approved by the membership.

As a result of the election, your Chapter Officers for the term from February 2010 through January 2012 are as follows: President - Robert M. Anderson, Vice President - Sy Gilliland, Secretary - Steve Sibrel and Treasurer - Mike Keim.

Those Chapter members elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors for the period from February 2010 through January 2012 include Kelly Boyle, George Hartman, Mike Moore, James O'Neill, Dr. Sam Scaling, Dr. Gail Zimmerman and Mitch Zimmerman.

In the coming months, the Board of Directors will be looking at filling a number of positions (including chairman) for the following committees: Membership, Public Relations, SCI-PAC, Education, and Humanitarian Services (including SafariCare, SafariWish, Sensory Safari and Sportsmen Against Hunger). If you are interested in serving on or chairing any of these committees, please notify me as soon as possible.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Many of us have just returned from the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual SCI Hunter's Convention in Reno, Nevada and I was pleased to see many of our members in attendance. For those of you who took the time to attend the show, I know that you had a good time and enjoyed visiting with the exhibitors that were present.

For me, much of my time was spent in meetings associated with the business of SCI/F including the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday which ran from 8:00 AM to around 3:00 PM and the SCIF Conservation Committee meeting on Friday which ran from 9:00 AM to around 4:15 PM. Many of these meetings are open to the general membership of SCI and, while I know that it takes away from your time on the floor, these meetings often prove to be quite informative.

The Conservation Committee meeting on Friday was particularly interesting as we heard reports on research into Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in white-tailed deer, results of a snow leopard population survey in Tajikistan, research on the habitat and forage requirements of saiga antelope in Russia and how this relates to the dramatic decline in this population, and the ongoing research on woodland caribou in Newfoundland and the causative agents of the massive population decline in this caribou population. All of these projects were funded in part by the SCI Foundation and SCIF is rapidly becoming known as a leader in supporting and funding science-based research projects with on-the-ground applications for wildlife conservation worldwide. SCIF also participated in and facilitated the survey of lion populations in many of the range states in southern and eastern Africa (particularly Tanzania) in order to provide sound population data which will be used to facilitate the proper management of free ranging lions and, perhaps more importantly, to fend off the proposal by Kenya to uplist lions to CITES Appendix 1 at CoP 15 - which would have effectively ended lion hunting for US hunters had the resolution been adopted for consideration this March in Doha.

We also heard a presentation from the Friedkin Foundation, which conducts anti-poaching and community development programs in western Tanzania. The work of the Friedkin Foundation is

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fundamental to the overall well-being of the native game populations in the area and in promoting a greater understanding of and appreciation for the value of these animals to the local communities through hunting.

In the past, neither SCI nor SCIF have been overly effective in communicating our efforts to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation - not only within our own organization, but with hunters in general and/or the conservation community. You might say that we are one of the better kept secrets in the conservation, education and humanitarian services area of non-profit organizations. However, we are beginning to see this change and as SCI/F moves forward, it is my fervent hope that we will collectively do more to spread the word about the good work that we do - with your dollars - to further our mission both here at home and abroad. As time goes by, I will attach information to this newsletter or forward emails that hopefully will give each of you a better understanding of the work that SCI/F does on our collective behalf.

## **2010 WHITE ELEPHANT DINNER**

Tickets for our eighth annual dinner and auction scheduled for April 10, 2010 are now on sale and attendance to the event will be open to both members and non-members alike. As in the past, tickets for the event will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.

Our speaker will be Dr. Larry Rudolph, the current president of SCI. Larry has hunted all over the world, is a past recipient of the prestigious Weatherby Award and has also achieved recognition in SCI, Grand Slam Club/Ovis and the Wild Sheep Foundation for his hunting achievements. We will be posting biographical and background information on Larry 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 35 items so that we can conclude the evening at a reasonable hour. Some of the merchandise to be offered this year will include:

- Boyt double rifle case;
- *Disturbed Mud Bath* by Kobus Möller - 2010 SCIF limited edition giclee conservation print;
- Four classic registrations to the 2011 SCI Convention in Reno, Nevada;
- Scrimshawed ostrich egg from Taxidermy Enterprises in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
- Soft gun cases from Cabela's;
- Stamascus custom stainless steel damascus knife;
- Steiner 10 X 42 "Merlin" binoculars;
- Swarovski SLC 10 X 42 "Neu" binoculars; and
- Traditional Zulu baskets from Ilala Weavers in KwaZulu-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.

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### 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 and a complete listing of these trips will be provided in the March newsletter and will also be posted to our website.

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.

I would encourage you to check our website ([www.sciwyoming.com](http://www.sciwyoming.com)) on a regular basis for information on the dinner event and any items to be offered in conjunction therewith.

### Raffles

Raffles currently planned for our April 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Ticket Information

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.

A ticket reservation form is attached herewith for your convenience in obtaining tickets or you may contact any of the officers or board members listed below for tickets.

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.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership as of January 13, 2010 stands at 147 active members, with an additional 2 members who have recently allowed their memberships to lapse. If you have questions concerning your membership status, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

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The strength of any organization lies in its members and we need to get the word out to our hunting friends and neighbors that they need to join SCI. The loss of our hunting rights affects ALL hunters, not just members of SCI, and the hunting public needs to understand who we are and what we are really all about. Passion just doesn't always spring up over night - it takes an understanding of the issues and the realization that there is a very real threat to our hunting heritage out there. So, if you have a friend or neighbor that is not currently a member of SCI, bring them to the meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> and introduce them to the Central Wyoming Chapter! Current National SCI Membership Types and Fees include the following (does not include annual Chapter dues of \$20):

- Life Member                      \$1,500;
- Senior Life Member              \$1,250;
- **National Member 3 Year \$150;**
- Family Membership              \$95
- National Member                 \$55; and
- Young Hunter                      \$15 (national dues only, there is no charge for Chapter membership).

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For those individuals who are National Members, you can save \$15.00 by renewing your national membership for a three-year period and avoid the hassle of having to renew you membership on an annual basis.

### 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.

### 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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Dr. Sam Scaling	Director	307-577-4227
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Mitch Zimmerman	Director	307-266-2291

### **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](mailto:biologist@prodigy.net).

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Bob Anderson still has the following item for sale:

- Swarovski PH riflescope: 6-24 X 50 with Plex reticle and target turrets. Like new with very light ring mounts from previous mounting – the glass perfect! New retail value = \$1,998.95 + S&H, will sell for \$1,250!

The scope can be seen at 5315 East 21st Street in Casper. Call 307-473-1268 for additional information.

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