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**Next Meeting** : **When** : **Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM**  
**Where** : **Casper Petroleum Club**

**Presentation** : Bob Budd, Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust will provide an overview of the Trust and the impact thereof upon conservation in the State of Wyoming since 2005.

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

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, February 4, 2010:** Presentation to be announced.

**Thursday, March 4, 2010:** Dr. Gail Zimmerman will discuss his 2009 African hunting adventures.

**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

### Report of the Nominating Committee

As prescribed in Article VI, Section 12, Paragraph B of the By-Laws of the Central Wyoming Chapter, the nominating committee for Central Wyoming Chapter consists of the President, Vice-President and three additional committee members appointed by the President.

For the upcoming election, Rick Bonander was appointed as the chairman of the Nominating Committee, with Sy Gilliland,

Mike Moore and James O'Neill appointed as ad hoc members thereof. In conjunction with a luncheon meeting of the Nominating Committee in early December, the following members were nominated (and have agreed) to serve as officers and board members for the two year period commencing on February 4, 2010 subject to membership approval:

President:	Bob Anderson	Vice-President:	Sy Gilliland
Secretary:	Steve Sibrel	Treasurer:	Mike Keim

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the amended by-laws, the Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Central Wyoming Chapter, the immediate past President, and a minimum of three (3) Directors elected from the general membership. The nominees for election to the Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 term will include Kelly Boyle, George Hartman, Mike Moore, James O'Neill, Dr. Sam Scaling, Dr. Gail Zimmerman, and Mitch Zimmerman. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any of the above positions in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

As previously stated in the October newsletter, it is imperative for the long-term health and success of the Chapter that we begin to delegate more responsibility to our membership regarding the daily affairs of the Central Wyoming Chapter - hence the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to bring a number of new faces to the slate of Officers and Directors in the hope of developing the future leadership thereof. There are still a number of SCI standing committees that need to be developed and which will require chairmen as follows: 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 accordingly.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The strength of any organization lies in its' volunteers and Safari Club International is no exception. While the publications of SCI (including both Safari magazine and the Safari Times newspaper) contain articles that give our members a brief overview of the various activities of SCI and SCIF, these articles typically do not speak to the actual amount of time devoted to "the Cause" by the members of the various committees within SCI/SCIF. Moreover, these articles typically do not go into any detail about the various issues that these committees tackle on behalf of hunting and wildlife conservation overall.

In the past year or so, I have encouraged SCI to become more proactive in the dissemination of information to the membership regarding the activities of SCI. In other words, "to Get the Word Out" about who we are and what we do - not only to our membership, but to the general public as well and I am encouraged to see that SCI is beginning to provide information to the membership on a regular basis electronically. The transmission of the electronic newsletter *In the Crosshairs* to the general membership is designed to disseminate news and information on hunting issues from both around the world and from

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inside SCI. This newsletter should come to you directly from SCI. A second electronic newsletter is now being produced by SCI titled *Safari Express Report*, which is forwarded to members of the SCI/SCIF Board of Directors. This newsletter is intended to give Board members a glimpse into SCI's Hunter Advocacy and SCIF's Conservation and Education work. I recently forwarded the Second Edition of the *Safari Express Report* to those members with valid email addresses on file. Those of you who wish to see this information will need to make sure that we have a valid email address on file. Likewise, if you do not wish to receive these communications, we need to be advised accordingly.

## 2010 WHITE ELEPHANT BAR-B-QUE

As indicated above, our eighth annual White Elephant dinner event will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Best Western Ramkota - please mark your calendars accordingly. Tickets for the event will go on sale at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting 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.

Our featured speaker is tentatively scheduled to be Dr. Larry Rudolph, the current President of SCI. Larry has a wealth of hunting experience, having hunted world-wide, as well as his insight into Safari Club International and the challenges facing our sport.

As usual, the dinner will be preceded by a silent auction and followed with our live auction. Your support of our annual fund raising event is critical to the continued success of our organization. As you will see from the Treasurer's Report below, we contributed \$16,124.77 to various conservation, education and humanitarian causes in 2009 - monies that would not have been available for these efforts without your support. Perhaps more importantly, approximately 79.5% (\$12,827.77) of these monies were donated to agencies, groups and organizations that are right here in Wyoming thereby protecting our right to hunt and promoting wildlife conservation efforts here at home - where the dollars were raised.

I will look forward to seeing each of you at our annual dinner event in April!

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of December 18, 2009 stands at 152 active members, with an additional 3 members who have recently allowed their memberships to lapse. Keep in mind that you must be a member in good standing of both the Central Wyoming Chapter and Safari Club International in order to participate in the upcoming election and to hold office. A quorum of the total membership (15%) is required in order to hold the scheduled election. If your membership has expired or is about to expire and you wish to ensure your ability to participate in the upcoming election, I would encourage you to send your renewal check

(\$75.00) directly to the Central Wyoming Chapter for processing so that we can note your payment accordingly - keep in mind that there is a delay from the time that payment is received in Tucson and when the Chapter is notified of payment so it would be best if payment were sent directly to us to ensure that our records are current. If you have questions concerning your membership status, please contact Bob Anderson at 307-473-1268.

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).

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.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT AND PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET**

As of November 30, 2009, the Central Wyoming Chapter had approximately \$29,127.53 in our checking account (which is not adjusted for a \$2,500 donation dated 11/25 to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust) and approximately \$29,187.10 in our savings account (which is not adjusted for interest accrued from 9/30). The monies in the savings account are unofficially earmarked for the development of a Sensory Safari Trailer at some point in the future.

As you can imagine, our income varies from year to year based on our fund-raising efforts and the relative success of those efforts. Our approximate net income from in 2009 was \$27,742.02 from the April dinner, a \$1,750.00 matching grant received from SCIF, \$200 generated from newsletter/website advertising, and an additional \$1,500 generated from annual membership dues. Major expenses in 2009 included \$8,202.61 (our annual 30% contribution to SCI), \$16,126.77 in donations, \$2,554.98 in travel expenses to attend SCI/SCIF BOD meetings, \$1,328.88 for postage/printing of the newsletter, \$337.50 for routine website maintenance, and \$70.00 for our post office box rental.

For the 2010 fiscal year (January 1 through December 31), I would propose the following "major" expenses:

- 1) \$3,500 to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for the 2010 Hunter Safety Instructor Training Program;

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- 2) \$3,000 to bring the Treasure Valley Chapter Sensory Safari Trailer to the WY Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo to be held at the Casper Events Center in September;
  - 3) \$3,000 for Robert M. Anderson to attend SCI/SCIF Board of Directors meetings in May and August;
  - 4) \$2,000 to the SCIF American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) West Granite Creek Ranch facility in western Wyoming;
  - 5) \$2,000 to either Conservation Force or SCIF to support on-going conservation efforts at the discretion of the Board of Directors;
  - 6) \$2,000 to support the Humanitarian Programs of SCIF including the Blue Bag program and Sportsmen Against Hunger program in central Wyoming;
  - 7) \$800 to sponsor the attendance of one teacher to the AWLS continuing education program at the Granite Creek Ranch facility; and
  - 8) \$500 to High Places, Inc. to support the medical mission of SCI Member Dave Lundin, RN to indigenous peoples in Namibia;

For now, the above budget represents major expenses anticipated during the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 - not including expenses directly associated with the annual dinner event scheduled for April 10, 2010. Other proposed donations or extraordinary expenses will be brought before the Board of Directors for approval as appropriate during the course of the fiscal year.

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### 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](mailto: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.

## 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
Vacant	Secretary	
Gail Zimmerman	Treasurer	307-235-1173

## NOTICE

Chapter Member Tom Jensen is looking at a possible safari to either Botswana or Zimbabwe in August of 2010 to hunt cape buffalo and leopard. If any of you are interested in hunting buffalo and leopard with Tom in 2010, I would encourage you to send him an email at [agconint@bbc.net](mailto:agconint@bbc.net). It is always more fun to go with somebody than to go by yourself!

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 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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